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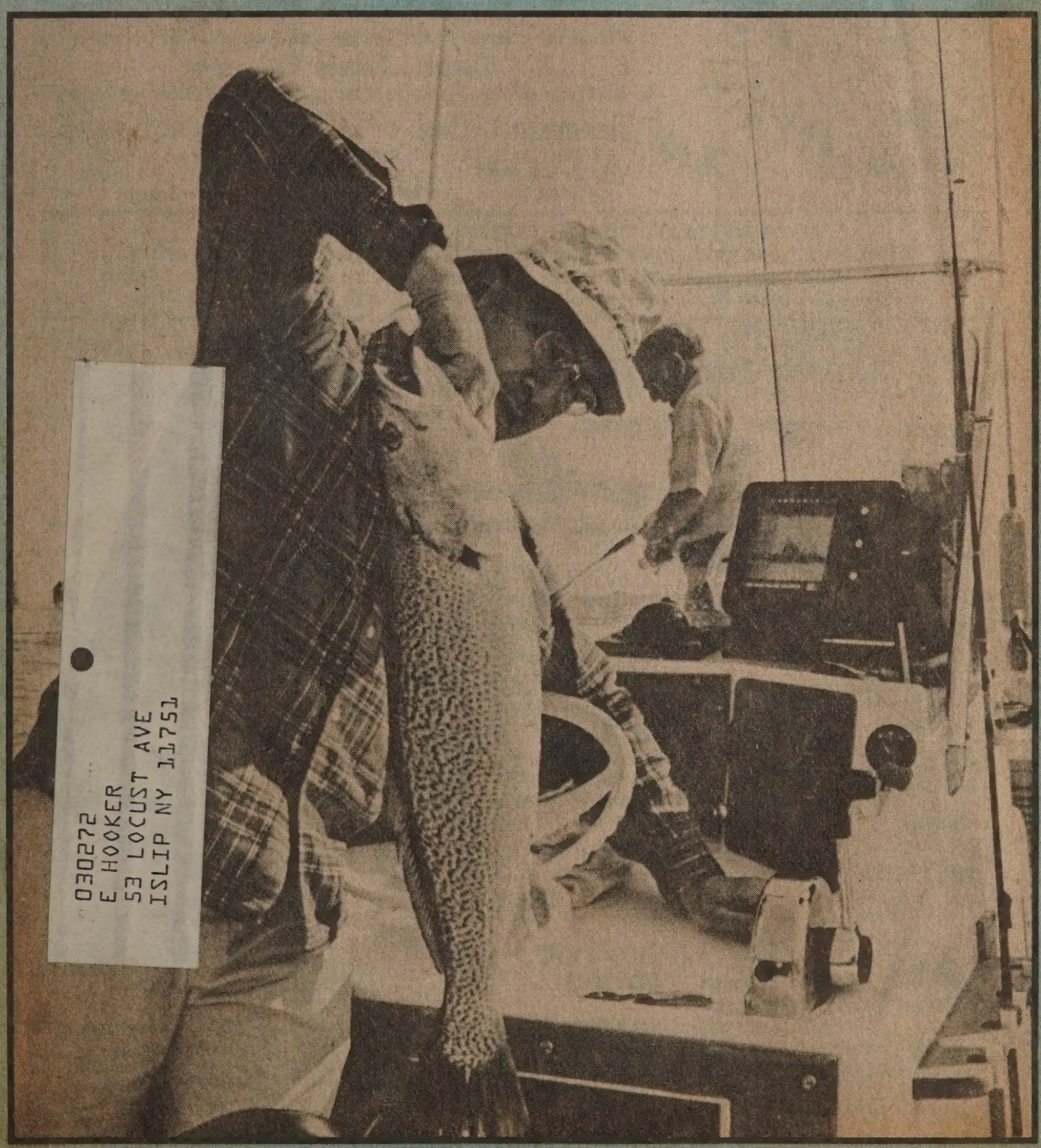

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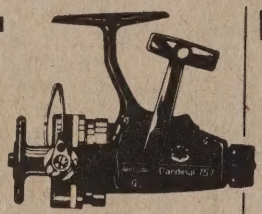

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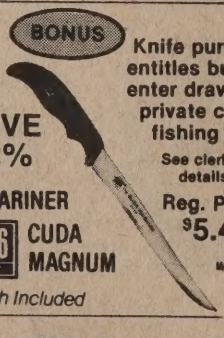

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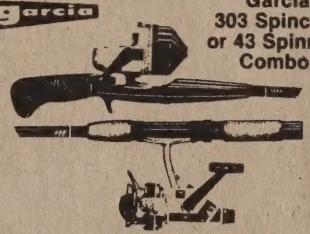

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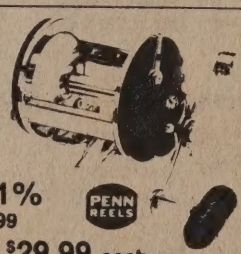

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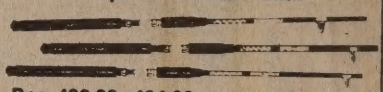

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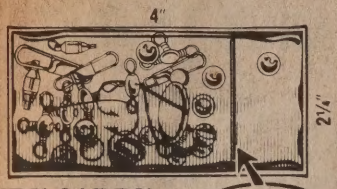

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EDITORIAL

MONTAUK-EAST HAMPTON UNDER FIRE AND STRUGGLING FOR PROGRESS: PART TWO—DEVELOPING HARMONY

In Part I, last week, we reviewed recent threats to East Hampton Town from developers and exploiters. We pointed out that East End natural resources are endangered if these plans are successful, and we noted that both a commercial fishing and a tourist-recreational fishing way of life could come to an end. This week we'll take a look at several very positive developments—proposals that could preserve and protect.

In early April of this year the East Hampton Town Industrial Development Agency voted to fund a preliminary study to examine the feasibility and cost of establishing a clam hatchery in the Town. The Town authorized $525 for the study. True, the size of the budget for this project is small, but often it isn't the size of the budget that's important. Instead, the size of the idea is what's significant.

We have been urging Long Island's baymen for years to examine possible ways to get into mariculture (rearing of shellfish and finfish under controlled conditions). There are many approaches to mariculture, from bottom leasing to hatchery production supplementation. Up until now there has been resistance to this idea. Baymen have argued that they desired to continue a gathering way of life. We, in turn, pointed out that the hunter-gatherer way of life is a thing of the past and if they really wanted to preserve a way of life that could be passed on to their children, they should look into suitable and compatible mariculture techniques. A clam hatchery in East Hampton, possibly located on the site of the now defunct New York Ocean Science Lab, would allow East End baymen to replenish hard clam stocks and at the same time become self-sufficient with respect to a recently begun clam-raft project.

It appears obvious to us that using part of the New York Ocean Science Lab land for a hatchery represents a much more useful, compatible, and pro-environmental use of the NYOSL lands. Some of you who are reading this might be tempted to argue that our position against the use of this land for condominiums and our position in favor of use of this land for a hatchery are inconsistent. Superficially perhaps, but let's look at the facts before reaching premature conclusions.

First, a use of the NYOSL lands that would include a clam hatchery, reconstructed wetlands, and a small boat launching ramp represents a far less damaging development of the land than 200 condominium units. It is clear that the wetlands would nourish, preserve, and protect the land. A hatchery could be small, few people would work there (plus negating a concern about sewage and other environmental pollution) and the land around the hatchery could be maintained in its natural condition: there is no need for fancy landscaping and large black-topped parking lots. A modest boat launching ramp would have several benefits without putting significant pressure on the environment. A modest project would utilize only a little more than an acre, the ramp itself isn't an environmental disaster, and a properly situated and constructed parking lot for about 20 vehicles would not stress the environment in irreconcilable ways. The Town could charge a small fee for launching and this fee could be used to help support wetlands reconstruction and the operation of the clam hatchery. We would not try to argue that this proposal is better than leaving the land in a pristine state, but it is far less objectionable than 200 condo units and all the people-stress that will follow.

The second bright spot is the apparent coming to fruition of a longer standing project. The Town announced that on April 26, 1983 it will hold a public hearing, at 10 AM, at the Town Marine Museum at Amagansett to receive public comment on the creation of a marsh at the south end of Lake Montauk. For many years now there has been significant concern over pollution in Lake Montauk. The points of concern are several and from time to time the Town has instituted regulations designed to curb the in-flow of certain pollutants, such as sewage and fish waste. Obviously, shellfish and the overall quality of Lake Montauk as a habitat are and have been at stake.

As late as 1960 so little was known about the value and the ecological functions of salt marshes that most people still clung to the idea that wetlands were nuisances that promoted the growth of mosquitoes and other insects and produced foul odors. Therefore, most people believed it was better to fill-in and dredge marshes than to preserve them. It was mostly in the 1960s that the information about how salt marshes functioned began to be published both in

scientific and popular journals. Suddenly, we were aware that salt marshes produced most of the productivity needed for the coastal oceans' chain of life and that salt marshes have the capacity to filter the pollution of man—first absorbing it and then recyling it into new and unpolluting materials that can be used to nourish life rather than to destroy life. It was at this point that we began to look around. To our dismay we found that we had already destroyed almost two-thirds of the salt marshes that had been indigenous to this country. It was apparent to many that the situation was critical. Various states, including New York, passed legislation to restrict and/or prevent the indiscriminate destruction of salt marshes. In some states vast tracts of marsh were set aside as protected and in others, permits were required in order to change a marsh in any way. The burden of proof regarding the suitability of changing the marsh would be on the developer. Private environmental groups began to purchase huge tracts of marshes for preservation. Later, in the 1960s and 1970s, research was under way to discover how and if, indeed, we could reconstruct salt marshes. Prior to these studies most scientists felt that lost marshes could not be reclaimed. However, the results of these studies were encouraging. It was proven that time and careful reconstruction could reclaim marshes and return them to a state very close to their original vitality. Marsh reconstruction projects were begun in many areas.

Unfortunately, we still continue to lose marsh lands, yet happily the rate of loss has been reduced to a trickle. It is not unusual for hard economic times to mitigate a relaxation of life-quality standards and studies. It seems more important at the moment to create jobs, reduce inflation, and balance the budget. One cannot argue with this philosophy because immediate needs must be dealt with quickly and effectively. However, we should never lose sight of the long range needs, because if we do forget them there may not be a future.

Thus, the Town of East Hampton is proposing to use 1¼ acres at the south end of Lake Montauk for the construction of a salt marsh that would have the capability of filtering runoff, and it is the runoff that brings at least some of the pollutants.

How do marshes filter runoff? One of the most important plants that will be introduced will be **Spartina**, which is a short marsh grass that grows very densely at the edge of the water. The **Spartina** is planted as plugs, in much the same way some terrestrial grasses are introduced into a lawn, and within a half dozen years they will spread and eventually cover the entire littoral zone. The **Spartina** serves as habitat for invertebrates such as mussels, oysters, snails, soft clams, and a variety of crabs. As the **Spartina** grows, its root system becomes very extensive. The roots trap runoff dirt and silt along with leaves. The result is a bank of bog. The invertebrates burrow or attach to the bog. A myriad of algal species also find a home in the **Spartina** and add to the ability of the march to filter out various materials and adds to the productivity of the marsh. Since the **Spartina** establishes a very special intertidal zone, the stage is set for other plants to become established behind the **Spartina**. These plants are very diverse and include everything from another type of marsh grass (**Phragmytes**) to evergreens and small flowers.

Plants have capacities to absorb a wide variety of inorganic and organic materials. During the processes of photosynthesis and respiration, these chemicals are converted into new forms that are a natural and useful part of the chemical cycle within a habitat.

There will be a side effect to the construction of the marsh: a very important side effect. Ostensibly, the marsh will be created to clean the runoff waters, yet the marsh will produce too. This productivity will find its way into Lake Montauk and portions of Block Island Sound. This is not man-influenced productivity that might enhance eutrophication and make pollution worse. No indeed! This productivity is a natural type that has the potential to enhance the productivity of shellfish and finfish in the Lake.

We applaud the Town for taking these two very important steps. True, they are both small, but they potentially reveal to us a sophisticated understanding of the importance of habitat preservation and environmental control as well as deep commitment to such preservation and conservation. We hope that this foresight can be extended and expanded so that development projects planned for Montauk and East Hampton Town will be thwarted. We hope that such wisdom can come to include the protection of Camp Hero, preserving it always as a place where nature is queen and where young and old alike can come to see sea birds, rabits, sea zone vegetation and fishermen at work.

We at The Fisherman believe that one of our most important tasks is the preservation of land for the future. It is part of an overall need to conserve all natural resources so that our children and our children's children will have examples of what the earth was once like, and so that they will have options open to them because there remains some natural resources that were not used up by previous generations.

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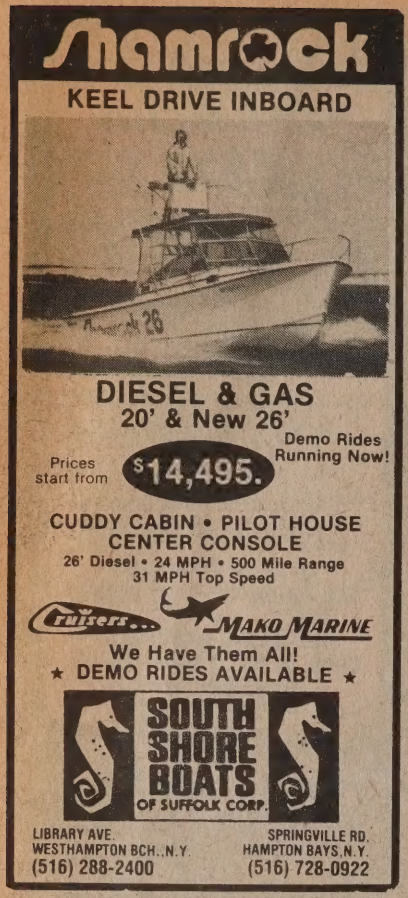

Pass It On...

NEW YORK SPORT FISHING FEDERATION AND SEN. JOHNSON JOIN FORCES ON BLUEFIN TUNA ISSUE

State Senator Owen Johnson (right) and Vic Rivas, chairman of the New York Sport Fishing Federation, show a copy of the resolution passed by the Senate back in February to include the bluefin tuna within the 200 mile limit. Senators Trunzo, Tully and LaValle provided valuable support in getting the resolution passed.

FISHERMAN SKILLFUL ANGLING AWARD PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

The Fisherman Magazine's popular, season-long Skillful Angling Award Program is in full swing and for the first time since its inception, everyone is eligible to win. In the past, only subscribers to The Fisherman were eligible for Best of Species Awards.

This year's running of the contest, which is being co-sponsored by the Genesee Brewing Company of Rochester, New York, also marks a joint effort by The Fisherman and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to record and maintain state records for saltwater fish caught in our waters. Entry blanks, which are available at any Official Fisherman Weigh Station, include a box to be checked for state record consideration.

Anglers catching a fish meeting the minimum qualifying weight for eligible species receive a certificate and colorful patch in recognition of their accomplishment and there is a Best of Species Award issued to the angler recording the largest officially weighed entry for each species. Included in the Best of Species category are a Junior Division and a Surf Fishing Division. Anglers releasing a fish meeting the minimum weight requirement are eligible for a special Release Award.

Finally, to the angler (boat or surf) who catches the largest striped bass during the course of the season (contest runs through November 30, 1983), goes the coveted Al Reinfelder Memorial Award. Since being established two years ago, both winners have been IGFA record setting fish. In 1981, Captain Bob Rocchetta took it with his then all tackle record 76 lb. striper. Dennis Kelly, the 1982 winner, won the award for his 80 lb. class record 66 lb. 8 oz. striper. A sampling of some of last year's other winners is equally impressive: 4 lb. 15 oz. flounder—Sal Cataldo; 19 lb. fluke—Arnold Fox; 89 lb. cod—Jon Savage; 21 lb. 8 oz. bluefish—Chuck Lorenz; 17 lb. weakfish—William Engstler; 118 lb. white marlin—Andrew Chalson; 15 lb. 4 oz. brown trout—Margaret Miller.

Most tackle shops, marinas, and fishing stations in our area carry the required entry blanks and posters describing details of the contest. Entry blanks and contest pamphlets are also available wherever Genesee Beer is sold. For more information, contact The Fisherman's Sag Harbor office at (516) 725-4200.

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DOWNEY EFFORTS AIMED AT PROTECTING BARRIER BEACHES

Two environmental programs to benefit Long Island's fragile barrier beaches have been placed on Congress' agenda, due to efforts by Rep. Thomas J. Downey (D-N.Y.).

An Army Corps of Engineers' plan for prevention of beach erosion and hurricane damage and a program to provide for safer navigation through Moriches Bay have been marked for federal funding and included in this year's supplemental appropriations process. The action came as a result of requests from Rep. Downey to Rep. Robert Roe (D-N.J.), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Water Resources.

The moves represent major progress in projects long stalled by budgetary roadblocks. "After one of the worst winters for our coastline in recent years, and with the consequences of a major hurricane therefore more severe, attention to our barrier beaches is critically important," Downey said.

The Corps' project for hurricane and erosion protection for Long Island's coastline will benefit more than 50,000 homeowners whose homes lie within the flood plain area, said Downey. Downey also pointed out that protecting Long Island's barrier beach is vital to the economic vitality of the Long Island tourist and clamming industries.

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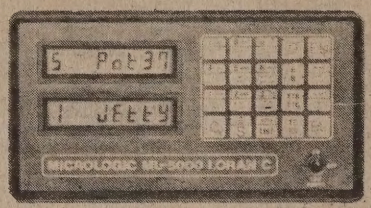

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ed and made beautiful by her barrier beaches; protecting those beaches means protecting Long Island itself," said Downey.

The navigation program for Moriches Bay is designed to dredge out safer channels and shift the sand to eroded beach areas—a boon to boaters, bathers, and surf fishermen.

The supplemental appropriations legislation which includes the measures is currently before the full Committee on Appropriations and Rep. Downey said he will continue to work to see the measures carried through committee and put into law.

SURFSIDE 3 TUNA CLUB SHARK TOURNEY

The Surfside 3 Tuna Club will hold its Annual Shark Tournament on July 16, 1983. Five Thousand dollars in cash and prizes for any species of shark over 125 pounds will be awarded. Entry fee will be 150 per boat (minimum boat length 21 feet). Bait will be available at dockside. Boats that enter before June 1st will be eligible for a free drawing on a Penn Int'l 80 reel. Also, there will be a drawing at dockside for a Penn Int'l 80 with custom built rod, $1 per ticket. ALL ARE INVITED.

For information and applications, write: Surfside 3 Tuna Club, P.O. Box 432, Lindenhurst, New York 11757. Or call, Frank Pristera, 957-3620.

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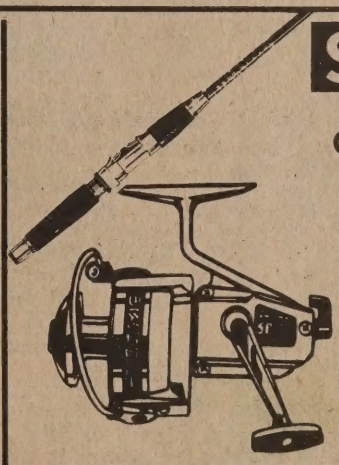

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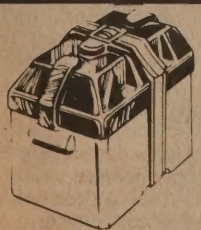

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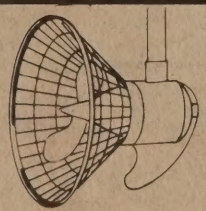

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The dates are set, the baits are in the freezer and we're getting ready for a really exciting season of tournament fishing at the Jersey Shore.

The 6th Annual White Marlin Open will kick-off the season's offshore activities with three days of fishing provided this year. The White Marlin Open has always been a favorite among sport fishermen and this year seems to be no exception with early entries running far ahead of last year.

South Jersey Marina and Portofino (formerly Cape Island East) will again co-host visiting boats and early reservations are a must. Although an earlier communication indicated a 100 boat limit was being considered, response has been so great that the only limitation will be the availability of slips. If you do not already hold a slip, please call to confirm space prior to submitting your entry fee.

We take pride in the complimentary comments heard up and down the coast about South Jersey hospitality and this year will be no exception. Plans for the 6th Annual White Marlin Open include a kick-off captains' meeting at the Golden Eagle Inn, three days of fishing (no weather day), dockside activities (with our flourish), the gala awards banquet again at the Golden Eagle Inn and four full days with the most outstanding sportsmen anywhere.

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WEATHER FORECASTS FOR LONG ISLAND

A National Weather Service transmitter will soon be available for use to broadcast continuous weather information to fishermen and farmers for Eastern Long Island. This transmitter should be working by June 1st, if not sooner.

Bruce DeYoung, Sea Grant Program Coordinator stationed at the Cornell University Research Laboratory was instrumental in developing support for this weather transmitter. The equipment is being supplied by the National Weather Service and the Suffolk County Board of Legislators approved equipment installation and to payment of the operating costs for the first three years. The equipment will be placed on a tower near the Suffolk Community College Campus in Riverhead.

The advantage of this transmitter is to have more localized weather forecasts available for fishermen and farmers on Eastern Long Island. Portions of this area did not receive weather radio broadcasts, others received information pertinent for Connecticut. Weather observers throughout the area will cooperate by providing on-the-spot information to the National Weather Service for updating and improving the forecast.

Many are enthusiastic about the system because it should give much better forecasts for fishermen and farmers. Meetings will soon be held to finalize the field observation network. This program can help a great deal as far as predicting rainfall, temperature (frosts), premature inversions and other significant developments.

SAFE BOATING COURSE

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Plumb Beach Flotilla 11-7, will present an eight-week Safe Boating Course beginning May 4, 1983 at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 4115 Avenue J, Brooklyn. The class will meet each Wednesday evening from 8PM to 10PM. This course will cover basic boating skills and seamanship, chart reading, piloting, marine engines, weather and other interesting subjects.

Upon successful completion of the course, an official certificate will be issued. The certificate may entitle the boat owner to a discount on marine insurance. This course is certified by the State of New York for young boaters, between the ages of 10 and 16. Successful completion of the "Young Boaters Safety Course" entitles the young boater to a Safety Certificate which is required for them to operate a power boat alone.

Both courses are offered free to everyone. A nominal fee is required to cover the cost of the textbook, chart and piloting tools used in the course. The course may be taken without materials. There is no charge for the materials used in the "Young Boaters Course." To reserve a place in the course, and for further information, please call Pete Serniak, Public Education Officer, any time at (21) 634-1498 or write to him at 87-06 Beach Channel Drive, Rockaway Beach, N.Y. 11693.

FREE BUCKTAILS AT EDUCATION MEETING

Two dedicated members of the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County, Messrs. Joseph Platoni and Manny Toskos, will provide detailed instructions on the "how to" of catching striped bass and fluke. At the conclusion of their presentation, free hooks and leader material will be distributed so that the rigs can be tied. Instructors will be positioned at various tables to provide careful guidance on tying hooks and preparing rigs. A free handmade bucktail, ideal for catching stripers, weakfish and blues, will be presented to anyone who purchases at least $1 worth of tickets toward a raffle of valuable fishing prizes which will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

The public (and especially children) are welcome to this educational meeting which will be held at 8PM, Tuesday, May 24th, at the American Legion Hall at 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ. Free hotdogs, beer and soda will be served at the

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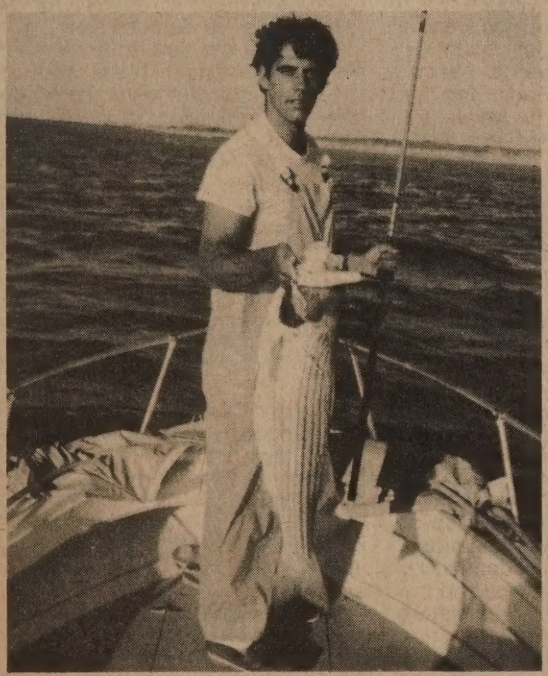

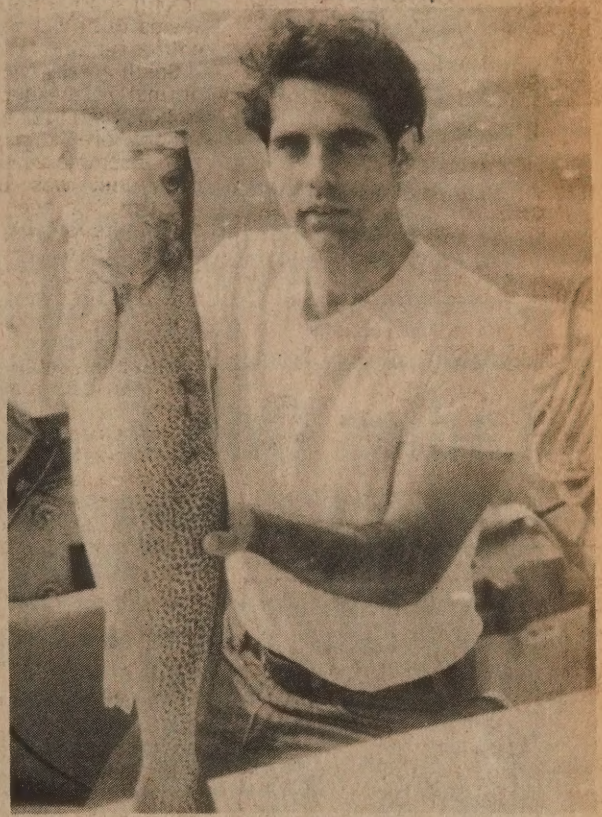

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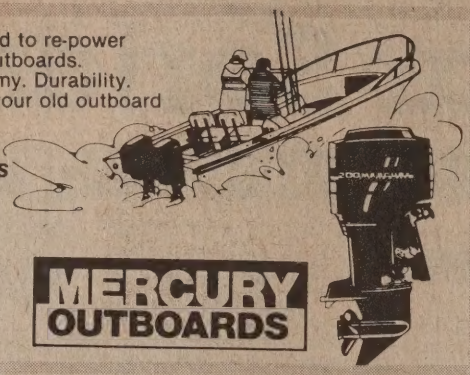

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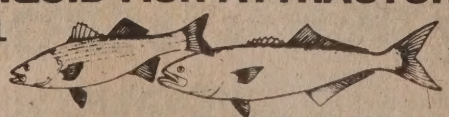

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conclusion of the meeting.

Anyone with questions on this meeting or desiring information on the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County, can call John Toth at (201) 569-3218.

EAST BAY ANGLERS HAS ROOM FOR NEW MEMBERS

This 31-year-old fishing club currently has 51 active angler/members and has membership openings.

You do not have to be a boat owner to join—just a love of fishing.

For many years the club has entered boats and crews in area tournaments.

In the past two years, the club won awards for TWO first place categories in the Freeport Tuna Festival; second, third and fourth place in Bluewater Anglers Shark Tournament and placed in the standings of many other tournaments entered.

In addition, the club holds intra-club tournaments, matches and outings for club members and their families for prizes and awards. For more information, contact Dick Mendelson at (212) 572-5580.

FISHING DAY ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY

For the fourth consecutive year 100 children between the ages of 8 and 14 will spend a day fishing off of the 69th Street Pier. Parents or guardians are welcome to come (bring your own lunch) and sit on the dock of the bay to make it a family outing. According to Marty Gazzani who is organizing the outing, the children will be chaperoned by members of a Bay Ridge Fishing Club formally organized as the Lower Bay Anglers. "The 25 member organization maintains some of the best fishermen in the area," says Gazzani. These fishermen will supervise and share their experiences and know-how with the kids by giving talks and demonstrations about the sport.

The fishing day is Saturday, May 21, 1983 (rain day Sunday, May 22, 1983), from 8AM to 1PM. It will take place on the 69th Street Pier (at Shore Road and Bay Ridge Avenue) which hopefully will provide flounder, blackfish, fluke, eels, bluefish and striped bass.

"Registration for the fishing day is necessary," said Gazzani. The first 100 children from 8 to 14 years of age who are registered will be participants. "Registration must be done by a parent or guardian, by signing a release supplied at Value Fare Car Service, 377 Bay Ridge Avenue (corner of 4th Ave.), during the week of May 16 to May 20, 1983 at any time.

On the day of the outing a safety-pinned tag with "Take Me Fishing—1983" will be given to each child. The tag will entitle him/her to a free bologna sandwich, soda, potato chips, cupcakes, hook, line, sinker, and bait. Tackle may be kept by each child.

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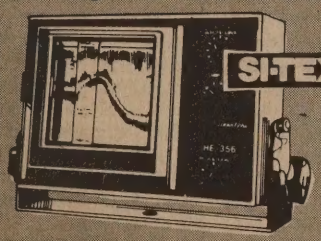

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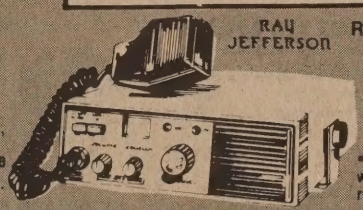

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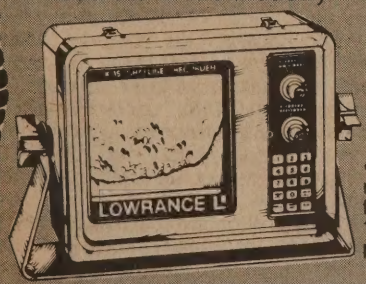

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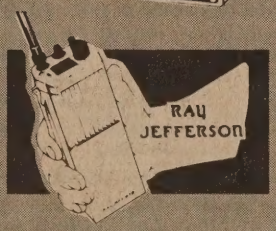

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INTERCLUB WEAKFISH TOURNEY HOSTED BY ATLANTIS ANGLERS ASSN.

Atlantis Anglers Association will hold its 7th Annual Weakfish Tournament on May 21 and 22, 1983. The tournament is open to all fishing clubs in existence for two (2) or more years.

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For further information, contact Ralph Horowitz at (516) 889-0931 or Howard Steinberg at (516) 536-7022.

SENATE COMMITTEE ACTS ON SHELLFISH CONTAMINATION

Efforts to crack down on harvesters and distributors of tainted shellfish intensified today, as the Senate Conservation and Recreation Committee reported out legislation to protect New York's shellfish resource and the quality and reputation of the shellfish industry, Senator John R. Dunne (R-Nassau) has announced.

Senator Dunne, Chairman of the Senate Conservation and Recreation Committee, said the legislation would help stem the rash of shellfish-related disease and illness that have plagued the industry the past 18 months, and raised serious concerns about the quality of shellfish taken from New York State waters.

Commenting on the Committee's action, Senator Dunne noted, "The recent outbreak of clam-related sickness in Oneida County which prompted an embargo on a Long Island seafood firm, is the clear indication that we have not done enough to protect the public health and the shellfish resource from violators out to make a quick buck."

The Committee reported legislation that would: establish a marine resource account within the conservation fund to finance increased enforcement in the state's marine and coastal districts (S 3707); enable the Department of Environmental Conservation to establish a centralized data bank for logging all information concerning shellfish violations (S-3755); and, substantially increase the fines and penalties for illegal shellfishing activities (S 3730).

Senator Dunne said these proposals addressed many of the issues and concerns raised at a joint legislative public hearing he and Senator Owen Johnson (R-Suffolk), Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Long Island Marine District, held in Hauppauge in January.

CHUM LINES

CRITICAL OF DATE CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL SPORT FISHING DAY

Gentlemen:

As you can see by the copy of my letter to Mr. Sloan, I think the date he selected for a "National Salt Water Sport Fishing Day" should be reserved for Pearl Harbor Day.

Please assist me in discouraging support for that date.

I am assuming you agree with me and did not realize the significance of December 7th when his advertisement was accepted for publication. *Robert F. Pelosi.*

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Stephen Sloan, Chairman
The Citizens Committee for
Urban Fishing, Inc.
230 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10169

Dear Mr. Sloan:

I don't know whether or not you are a Veteran; however, I am. I am very proud to say that I served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and was awarded three Battle Stars and a Purple Heart. I am also an avid sport fisherman, own a deep sea rig and participate in most shark and other tournaments. I think your idea for a "National Salt Water Sport Fishing Day" is a good one. However, I think the date you selected, December 7th, is a very poor choice. If you weren't around or perhaps have forgotten the significance of that date, I will refresh your memory.

On that particular day, in 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, the beginning of a war costing untold numbers of deaths, maimings and heartaches. In respect to my fallen comrades, I strongly suggest you leave that particular day for what it has become—a day for remembering those who gave their lives so that we now can enjoy the good things in this life...including a National Salt Water Sport Fishing Day. *Robert F. Pelosi.*

Mr. Pelosi's letter was typical of several received here at The Fisherman over a span of eight to ten weeks criticizing the selection of December 7th as the date for National Sport Fishing Day. In none of the letters, however, was there evidence to demonstrate the reader was aware of the analogy being drawn by Mr. Sloan between the humiliation suffered by America in 1941 and the present rape of the bluefin tuna resource in our waters by the Japanese fishing fleet.

If, after this explanation of the date for National Sport Fishing Day, a segment of our readership is still offended, then The Fisherman will have to seriously reconsider the ethics of continuing to run this ad. Fred Golofaro, Editor.

COMPREHENSIVE BASS MANAGEMENT

Gentlemen:

It was with perplexed interest that I read the item entitled, "Behan Sponsors Tuna Protection Resolution" (Pass It On section, The Fisherman, 2/10/83 issue).

While Assemblyman John Behan (Montauk) is applauded for his concern over the "Lack of protection for the tuna population...", and the resultant consequences of overfishing, it must be noted that, by his deeds, he does not extend such concern to the troubled striped bass resource.

During last year's meeting of the Assembly Conservation Committee in Albany, an already weak Striped Bass Management bill, the only one to be reported out of Committee, was further weakened by Assemblyman Behan. It was largely due to his efforts that the only provision in that bill which, realistically, had "some" potential to reduce the fishing mortality of striped bass originating from Chesapeake Bay and moving through New York waters in the spring, was all but eliminated.

As is the case with the tuna, lack of protection and resultant over-fishing is a significant factor with respect to the diminishing striped bass population. Apparently, Mr. Behan chooses

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to ignore this, opting instead to protect a small, highly vocal group who, unlike fishermen in most other states, refuse to share in the management effort.

Hopefully, the Assemblyman will reconsider this matter and in the future will work to secure implementation of a comprehensive striped bass management program here in New York. One which eliminates the present lack of protection and resultant over-fishing. *Fred Schwab, NYS Delegate to the Interstate Striped Bass Mgmnt. Proj.*

READER APPLAUDS·FISHERMAN SEMINAR SERIES

Dear Mr. Reina:

Many times on different occasions I have said to myself, "That's terrific! I am going to write them a letter and tell them..." Most times, it remains just a thought and nothing more. This time, however, it is different and I must tell you as the publisher of LIF how much I enjoy your magazine.

Because of your magazine, I had the honor and pleasure of meeting Mr. Fred Golofaro for the first time. What a wonderful and informative seminar he gave at the Holiday Inn in Hauppauge on April 7, 1983. I know I'm going to catch my first striper this year as a result of this seminar on surf fishing!

Maybe I just love to fish and he was speaking my language, but I think he did a fine job and you should know about it *even if he is the editor!!* Sincerely yours, *Ron DePrima, Wantagh, NY.*

Dear Ron: Editors spend a lot of time on the hot seat so words such as yours are always appreciated. Thanks for taking the time to write. Rich Reina, Publisher.

CORRECTION ON DIAMOND FEATHER LURE CO. ZIP CODE

In your April 7-13, 1983 issue of The Fisherman, Diamond Feather Lure Co. was mentioned in the article, "Tins" Across the Season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for this coverage, but on page 18 of that issue, our zip code was incorrectly printed as 11756. The correct zip code is 10705. Our local post office is constantly nagging us about it, and we thought maybe you could make a correction on it in your next issue. *Edward Ferry.*

READER PRAISES SHIMANO SERVICE

Dear Mr. Golofaro,

I'm writing to tell you about the excellent service I received from Shimano reels. Last fall I purchased a Bantam 500 baitcasting reel with which I experienced some problems. I wrote to Mr. Jerry Gomber, head sales representative of Shimano, and received a very understanding response in which he suggested I finish out the season with the reel and return it to him. I did as he suggested over the winter and recently received a brand new Bantam Mag 500 in place of the original reel. I was dumbfounded by this service and needless to say—very impressed! I felt compelled to share this positive experience with your readers and to give credit where credit is due. *Michael Greico.*

MAGNOLIA BLVD. PIER GETS FACE LIFT

Dear Mr. Miller:

I read with much interest your recent article regarding the Magnolia Boulevard Pier in the April 7th edition of *The Long Island Fisherman.*

We thank you for recognizing the facility and the good use to which it is put. One portion of your article, however, needs clarification. At the time you wrote the article you were, of course, entirely correct in stating that the pier's decking "was in need of some repair." I am pleased to inform you that the fishing pier has been redecked in its entirety. If you could inform your readers of that bit of good news, we would be most appreciative. *Edwin L. Eaton, City Manager, Long Beach, N.Y.*

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The Captain's Table:

THREE WAY MACKEREL

by Barbara Mason

Portuguese-Style Mackerel

Mackerel are delicious when prepared with a tangy sauce. This recipe uses tomatoes and sweet peppers and is quick and easy to prepare.

4 fresh caught mackerel, about 1/2 lb. each
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tsp. finely minced garlic
1 cup onion, sliced wafer thin
1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes
1 cup sliced, seeded sweet green pepper
salt & freshly ground pepper to taste
1 bay leaf
3 cups cored & coarsely chopped red, ripe tomatoes
4 anchovies, chopped

Clean mackerel, removing gills and back and side fins, but leaving head and tail on. Preheat oven to 450°. Heat three tablespoons of oil in a skillet. Cook garlic briefly and add onion. Cook until wilted. Add pepper flakes and cook until onion starts to brown lightly. Add green peppers, salt and pepper, and cook until peppers start to brown lightly. Add bay leaf and tomatoes. Cook, stirring occasionally, about five minutes. Grease a baking dish with the remaining tablespoon of oil. Arrange fish in one layer. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour the sauce on top and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dot with chopped anchovies and put in oven. Bake 30 minutes.

Mustard Broiled Mackerel

A platter of mackerel cooked briefly under the broiler is simplicity itself. Use either French or English style mustard in this recipe.

1 whole mackerel, approx. 3 lbs.
2 tbs. chopped parsley
2 oz. butter
1 lemon, sliced
1 tbs. prepared mustard
1/8 tsp. fennel
2 tbs. lemon juice
salt & freshly ground pepper to taste

Clean and split mackerel for broiling. Wipe with a damp cloth. Melt one ounce butter in a small saucepan. Add chopped parsley, salt and pepper, stirring well. Season mackerel by brushing with butter mixture. Place on broiler rack skin side down. Broil two inches below flame in preheated hot broiler. Broil five minutes. Melt remaining ounce of butter. Add prepared mustard, lemon juice and fennel. Mix well. Pour mustard mixture over mackerel and broil five minutes longer. Garnish with lemon slices and serve immediately.

Parmesan Barbecued Mackerel

The smoky flavor of barbecuing complements the robustly flavored mackerel. A tangy cheese crust in this recipe just adds to the flavor of the fish.

2 mackerel, each about 2-2½ lbs., boned & filleted
1/2 cup salad oil
1/2 cup lemon juice
2 tbs. chopped parsley
1 tsp. dry basil
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 tsp. garlic salt

Wipe fish with a damp cloth. Cut fillets into pieces about four inches long. Combine oil, lemon juice, parsley, and basil and pour over fish. Cover and chill for one hour, turning once. About 45 minutes before you plan to begin cooking, ignite coals. When coals are covered with gray ash, arrange in single solid layer to underlie entire area to be used on grill. Knock ash off coals and let burn down until moderately hot (approximately 10 minutes longer). Adjust grill height to 6 inches above coals. Remove fish from marinade, reserving marinade. In a shallow pan, combine Parmesan cheese and garlic salt. Thickly coat fish in cheese mixture. Grease grill. Remove fish from cheese mixture and arrange on grill to fit over coals. Drizzle with reserved marinade. Cook, turning once, basting frequently with marinade. Fish is done when browned and flakes readily when prodded in thickest portion with a fork, approximately 10 minutes each side. Serve immediately.

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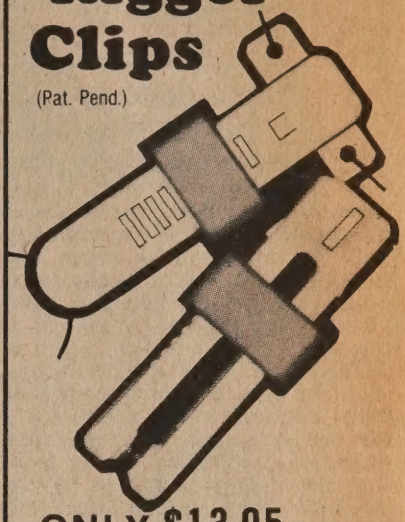

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WEAKFISH:

—A FULL TIME JOB—

by Lou Mauriello

Those days of "easy pickings are gone and rounding up a decent catch of yellowfins calls for refining your current approach.

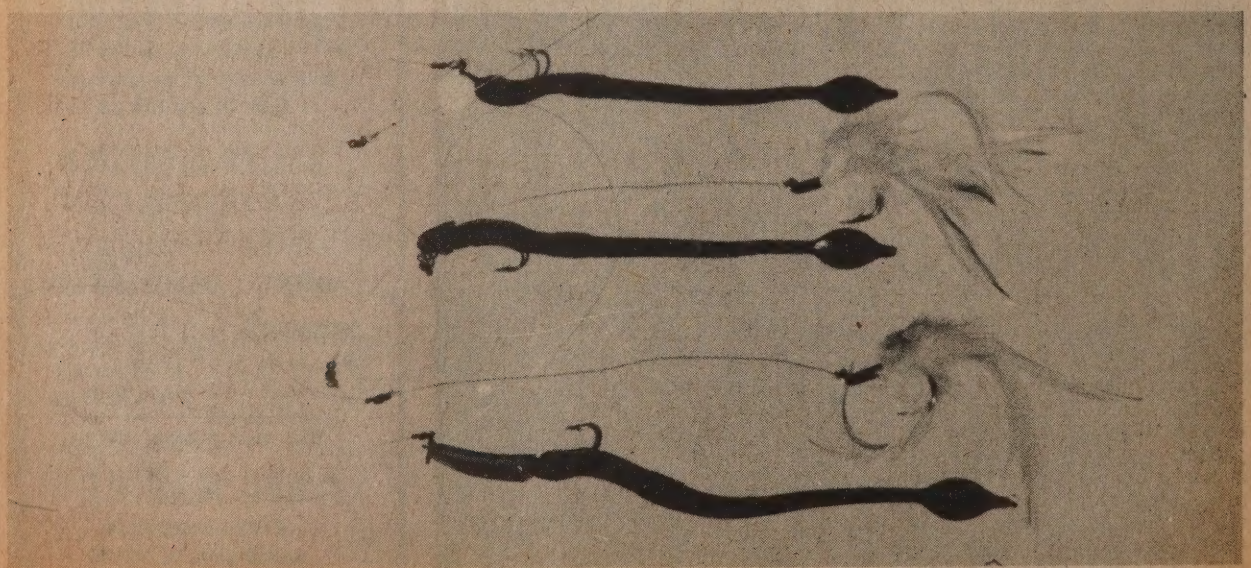
After an absence of many years, weakfish made a terrific comeback in our area in the early 70s. I can still recall my first trip for these fine gamesters as if it were yesterday. It was a fine morning in mid-May about a dozen years ago that I drove out to Shinnecock Canal from my home in Brooklyn and stepped aboard Captain Clark Bellow's boat. Up until that time, I had never seen a weakfish as I was not around the last time they made their presence felt in our area. This day, however, was to be the beginning of a long love affair with those beautiful, hard fighting yellowfins. If memory serves me correctly, I wound up the day with about a dozen fish in my cooler and the kind of memories that last a lifetime. Maybe more importantly was the fact that I learned it isn't necessary to sail offshore in search of classy game fish.

For several years, following the return of the weakfish to our area, we enjoyed fine fishing for them in both Peconic and Great South Bays. The last few years, however, have seen a decline of these fish in the bays. The why's and wherefores of this phenomenon are probably anybody's guess, but I wouldn't be at all surprised if all of the gill netting that went on in the bays had at least something to do with it. It was due to this increased scarcity that I decided to try and refine my techniques. I won't say these methods are guaranteed to catch fish but I definitely feel they will help you to improve your score if there are fish present and the conditions are no less than marginal.

Weakfish can usually be found around some sort of bottom structure. This doesn't mean you have to find wrecks and rock piles, but it does mean if you want to find the fish, you should fish areas where there are dropoffs, holes, converging currents and any other place where the bait they will be feeding on would be swimming in a haphazard fashion. Weakfish are predatory and like all predatory fish, it is much easier for them to grab a meal when their forage is disoriented than to have to chase it all over the bay. These areas become sort of a quick-lunch counter that save the weakfish a lot of energy; so generally, that's where you'll find them.

Finding these aforementioned structures is not very difficult and can be done by anyone. Having a chart of the area you you will be fishing can be a great help. You can pick up quite a few useful bits of information about the contour of the bottom. This information also shows us the location of depressions and known wrecks in the bays. Normally, these are the types of areas where you will find me drifting in quest of weakfish. Whenever I'm aboard a boat equipped with a recorder, I will run to the area I intend to fish and let the machine find the bottom structure I am looking for. If there is no recorder aboard, or if it is out of order as mine always seems to be, I'll use the old-fashioned way. This consists of nothing more than a heavy lead weight attached to a long length of monofilament which is knotted every five feet. With that device, I am able to find the holes and ledges almost as effectively as the fellow with the white line recorder, though I won't know if any fish are present.

Once the structure is located, it is strongly advisable to mark the beginning of your drift with a simple homemade buoy. You will find out just how important that can be if you manage to hook a few fish and then are not able to pinpoint the spot at



Pre-rigged jelly worms with "droppa feathers" attached. Note the different weight heads on the lures for fishing different depths and current conditions.

which you started. Talk about frustration. It's much simpler running back to your buoy to make the same drift. In this manner, you are presenting your lure, or bait, to a spot that has already proven itself.

Occasionally, fish will be hooked in areas not normally fished, but I find this the exceptional case. Weakfish do have to travel over open bottom to get to their favorite hangouts and sometimes you will intercept them during these journeys. But don't count on it and if it does happen to you, just accept it as an added plus.

When planning a trip for weakfish, try to get to the areas you intend to fish shortly before a change of tide. No matter whether you are fishing off Ocean Beach in Great South Bay or off buoy 17 by Jessup's Neck, you can practically bet the mortage payment that the fish will bite best during these times. By all means though, don't restrict your fishing to those peak periods only as I have seen some mighty fine fishing halfway through a tide.

Because of the fact that weakfish have such soft membranes around their mouths, tackle should be kept as light as you can handle. When casting artificials, I find a 6 to 7 foot fast taper spinning rod and matching reel loaded with 8 or 10 pound test monofilament ideal for most situations. This rod will handle both the casting of the lures and the playing of the fish with no problems whatsoever. These are times that I go to lighter gear though. Whenever I find myself fishing on the flats near Heckscher, I will scale down my tackle to 6 pound test spinning gear as the lures to be used in this area are of a lighter weight and afford me the opportunity to get maximum sport out of my fishing.

While drifting and casting for weakfish, I usually put over at least one conventional outfit and fish the bottom with bait. In the shallow waters of Great South Bay I simply tie a 2/0 Sproat directly to my line, which is 15 pound test, and attach a split shot about two feet above the hook. For bait, I will normally use a strip of squid about four inches long. When in the deeper waters of Peconic Bay, I will tie that same 2/0 hook on a three foot leader of 20 pound test and attach it to the line about three feet above a sinker that should be just heavy enough to hold bottom. With these bait rigs in service, not only have I had tiderunner weaks grab the bait, but I have found some good size fluke as well.

Since you are using light gear for fish that fight hard and can range into the low teens in weight, it is very important that your drag be working properly. To check this, you can hand someone the business end of your line and have them walk away from you at a fast pace. If the line comes off the reel in spurts and not in a nice even fashion, it is time to change the drag washers. Teflon washers are excellent and make for a butter smooth drag. If they are not available for your reel, don't panic; just have it serviced more often. Professional reel repair shops abound on Long Island and it is much less embarrassing to bring in a reel in one piece than in little pieces in a paper bag (as I usually wind up doing). These folks do a good job of keeping your reels in top shape.

Lure selection for weakfish never really seems to stay status quo from season to season. It seems just when you stock up for these fish, they change their feeding habits. Since their return to our waters, these fish have gone from tout tails to plastic shrimp to bucktails, whiptails, jelly worms, Rebels and other types of lures. If you are anything like me, you now have all of these lures in your tackle box in astronomical numbers. Nothing to worry about though as they all take fish and can be used for other kinds of fish with great results.

My own preference has been a nine inch jelly worm, pre-tied at home, with a pink or white Droppa tied in about three feet above it. I have these tied with different types and weight heads so that I can fish different depths simply by snapping off one rig and attaching the other to the snap swivel. This, by the way, is the only time I will use any metal fasteners of any sort on my line. I feel you will get maximum action from a lure if there is nothing in the way to hamper the action.

No matter where I am fishing or what lure I am using, I have found the most effective way to work a lure is not quite what most people are used to. When drifting, I will cast either from the stern or the bow of the boat and angle the lure slightly into the direction the boat is drifting. In this manner, the lure is allowed sufficient time to sink to the bottom and you can begin to work it into the boat at your own pace and not at the pace of the drift, which at times is **too** fast. If you want to score, you must remember to keep your lure on the bottom and to retrieve it slowly.

When a fish hits, there is no need to strike back as if you were hitting a blackfish. Remember these fish have soft mouths, so just leaning back on your rod until it is in the vertical position will be more than sufficient to set the hook. Once you have the fish hooked, don't try to stop him on his first run but rather, let the finely tuned drag of the reel do its job. It is at this point that you will find the use of light tackle justified as it wears the fish down enough to enable you to lead it to the net or gaff with no problems. The use of heavier tackle adds to the risk of pulling the hook out of that tender mouth. A wide rimmed landing net is a big asset when boating these fish, though some anglers prefer a gaff.

In these days of comparatively lean pickings, you want to be sure to cover all the bases. Scoring with spring weaks in the bays is no longer the piece of cake it once was, but it is one full time job that pays big dividends.

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A LITTLE MONTAUK DIVERSION

by John Waldman

Montauk provides some unique, little publicized opportunities for anglers looking to kill some daylight between night tides.

Most surfcasters who visit Montauk Point, Long Island's long rod Mecca, do so for more than a single night. And although a good part of the in-between daytime hours are normally spent recuperating in one's vehicle, there is often time to kill, even after you've eaten and rested and resurrected your tackle. This is especially true when fishing the May and June run of striped bass or summertime weakfish run as the days are at their longest and the nights just the opposite. Whether you wish to experience a change of pace from the nightly sessions or to simply kill time, Montauk provides many options.

One of the most obvious but least productive daytime endeavors is to continue to work the surf in the same rocky areas you fish at night. This is rarely worthwhile with few exceptions unless the fish make their presence known in some way. Of course, the surf is full of surprises. I once decided to take a few casts under the lighthouse to check my tackle at the beginning of a three-night visit. There wasn't another angler around given the utterly sunny, noontime, dead low, flat calm conditions. A few minutes later I was dragging a decent bass up the beach.

In general, though, daytime activity, and by daytime I do not include dawn and dusk, is restricted to bluefish blitzes along the sand beaches and sometimes off the cobblestone and boulder shores between the north bar and the Lighthouse. The best approach is to actively scout the beaches. The stretch from Ditch Plains to Amagansett and sometimes to the Hamptons and beyond is often the scene of some wild daytime bluefish action.

As a rule, when entering or leaving Montauk during daylight, it pays to check the beach at Hither Hills State Park and to scan the beach along Old Montauk Highway for signs of fish. This has paid off for me many times, the most memorable being a trip in which I was introducing a friend to surfcasting. I was secretly worried as I had tried to teach him how to handle an 11½ foot stick on a New York City beach without much success. There was nothing I could do to prevent him from releasing the line too early which resulted in high, arching casts that didn't travel much beyond his feet. I dreaded the thought of him doing this in a high wind in a crowd under the Lighthouse. We pulled into the Hither Hills parking lot mid-afternoon on this sunny, late September day and climbed the dune crest to find bluefish pushing schools of round herring (a not too common member of the herring family that is much more tubular in shape than its cousins) up and down the beach. There was something about the sight of those blues in the high surf that caused an instant and drastic improvement in his casting ability—every cast was perfect as we caught blues all afternoon and evening. He couldn't have asked for a better first surfcasting experience. Not only was he catching fish in the daylight on an easy to fish sand beach, but the fish got progressively bigger by the hour. After starting at about three pounds, they increased steadily until some thirty fish later he slid a 14 pound blue onto the beach. I hated to break the news to him that it usually isn't quite that easy.

A relaxing way to put a few fish into the bucket is to fish for blackfish around the Point itself. Anyone manning a rod baited with skimmer clam or green or fiddler crabs should walk away with a few blacks, some of which may be of a very nice size. Good spots include the right side of the Lighthouse near Turtle Cove and the left side of the light near Scott's Hole. However, the entire shore line to the North Bar has the boulder and kelp bottom that tautogs prefer.

Although rarely fished for at the Point, a Montauk regular told me he got a dozen beautiful flounder off the North Bar in the springtime.

Flounder fishing in the harbor is a very popular way for surfcasters to while away the daytime hours. Rarely are there no beach buggies in the parking lot off East Lake Drive that services Fred Shay's old boat livery pier. The size of the flounder and sometimes the quantity can be outstanding in Montauk Lake. Formerly a freshwater lake, it's sand-bottomed harbor with lush eel grass

beds is prime flounder habitat. It's proximity to the ocean allows for the occasional snowshoe to swim in, in addition to unexpected species of fish. Small blackfish, sea bass and big tomcod are sometimes seen and I once caught a small pollock off one of the harbor's piers.

The variety in the size of the flounder is really amazing. A double-header is not unlikely to include a postage stamp flounder and a three pound flattie. When gunning for the bigger flounder, I've found that fresh skimmer clam is the way to go. Sandworms will catch lots of fish, but they'll almost invariably be small. Other good spots are the piers just before the jetty on West Lake Drive and in-between the jetties themselves. The flounder here are fat and aggressive and it is not uncommon to find sand eels in their gullets as you unhook them.

A truly exotic kind of fishing that sometimes occurs in the spring is when whiting blitz sand eels at Gin Beach. It was on a four night trip at Montauk in late May one year that I heard that whiting were making daily, late evening appearances at Gin Beach not far from the east jetty. That afternoon I drove to the end of East Lake Drive and waited. Nothing much happened until the sun reached eye level. The terns that had been searching in earnest, started diving and picking up the sand eels that now dimpled the surface. It wasn't until the sun actually disappeared that the blitz began. Whiting charged through the sand eels in a way that was every bit as vicious but even less controlled than a bluefish attack. Much to my surprise, this deepwater species jumped clear out of the water in pursuit of the baitfish. I estimated that at any given moment there were at least 50 whiting in the air. There was something about the sight that made me think of popcorn popping. A fish would spot a sand eel from below, charge to the surface and come vaulting straight up out of the water, turn around and then fall back head first. One whiting, as if to affirm the legend, threw itself up on the beach in its frenzied pursuit. On consecutive evenings, the action lasted about 45 minutes during which I caught a total of about 50 whiting. I later found out that they had been doing this like clockwork for a couple of weeks and although it can't be relied on, it is a regular event some years.

For a more drastic change of pace, the surfcaster can pack along some light spinning gear and enjoy some really good freshwater fishing in the three largest ponds in Montauk. Big Reed Pond is nestled behind Gin Beach off of East Lake Drive. The spongy shore and weedy waters make waders desirable. An afternoon spent here using small spinners produced about a dozen largemouths, a white perch and several pumpkinseed sunfish. The bass were eager and scrappy but not in the best of condition, as evidenced by their sunken bellies and relatively large heads which is indicative of slow growth and at least a temporarily sparse food supply.

Fresh Pond in Hither Hills State Park is easier to fish with its sandy bottom, clear water and meager weed growth. The largemouths are fat and sassy and tricky too, as proven by the very nice sized bass that wrapped my line around my waders and then broke it off. This pond also contains some large yellow perch, but interestingly, there was no sign of sunfish at all.

The largest and perhaps best freshwater lake is right in town—Fort Pond. Species diversity is greater here, in one afternoon I either caught or saw caught largemouth and smallmouth bass, yellow and white perch, bluegills, bullheads and carp. Those who enjoy catching carp do well at the northeast corner of the lake off the causeway on Industrial Road. Two corn kernels on a #8 hook rigged fish-finder style through a light Dipsey sinker can produce some pretty consistent action. Much of the Fort Pond shore line is privately owned but there are access points scattered around the lake, including both ends of Industrial Road.

Given all these options, there is little need to sit around the parking lot or beach playing cards until the evening tide. A Montauk excursion can be enhanced with a little daytime diversion.

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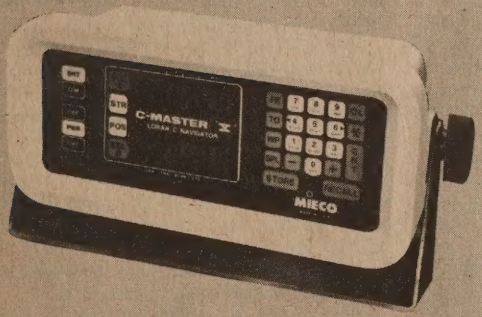

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CALL HIM NEMESIS

by Matt Ahern

Mr. Tautog has humbled many a sinker bouncer over the years. Practice and a little bit of luck go a long way in the blackfish game.

So, up to now you've had an easy time of it. Those flounder were easy enough to catch, even that surprise early-run fluke didn't give you a bit of trouble. All duck soup for a fisherman of your caliber. And now you have decided to tackle our chisel-toothed friend, the blackfish. Good for you. And as many a fisherman before my time has said when he heard of someone's desire to catch blackfish: good luck to you. I won't go so far as to say that you'll need it, but it won't hurt to have some on your side.

Now, I'm not trying to be smart-alecky (perish the thought), but to be a good blackfisherman, the angler must know his fish. Make no mistake about that. He's got to be on the ball, for the fellow who can consistently catch blackfish is a bottom fisherman par excellence; I doff my fishing cap to him (or her); he's the elite of the bottom fishing clan.

I say this because in order to become such a good fisherman, I believe without doubt that for him to arrive at his coveted station, he has made a continuous study of fish over the years—whether he is aware of this or not. As an example, this fisherman is, and always has been extremely interested in his quarry; he has but to look at any of our local species to seek a clue to its way of life.

You may be certain that when this fisherman looks at a mackerel's streamlined, racy shape, for instance, he knows that here is a fish suited for the fast, action-filled life of the open sea. And by the same token, when he considers the ling's sluggish appearance, he knows it is a tip-off as to its slow-swimming existence on the ocean floor.

And all things being equal, when this fisherman takes note of a blackfish's solid compact body, with its smooth, tough skin and deeply embedded scales, its thick, rubbery lips and small mouth lined with strong, protruding, chisel-like teeth, this fisherman is certain blackfish won't be found over open bottom like fluke and flounder. For here is a fish Nature has designed to live and browse about sunken wrecks and rock-strewn bottom, breakwaters, old decayed piers, wharves, and sea walls. If he wants to catch blackfish, this fisherman knows these are the places to fish.

To the uninitiated, blackfish often prove to be their Nemesis—hence the title of this article. Not that blackfish are difficult to catch in the true sense of the word—they just require more skill on the part of fishermen. What works for most bottom fish won't work on the black. It's as simple as that.

Although the blackfish is a willing biter and not the least bit line-shy, it is a tricky fish to hook. One fisherman of my acquaintance told me that the time to hook a blackfish is before it bites. Sounds ridiculous, I know, but this is only a fisherman's way of paying tribute to the speed this fish possesses.

When a fisherman feels the rapid-fire nip of a porgy, or the light tug of a flounder, most times he'll hook his fish without much difficulty. Not so with blackfish. To attempt to do so often results in a baitless hook, or at best a black that is lightly hooked. This lip-hooking isn't too bad if the fish is small, but if the black is large the outcome is often doubtful. As we all do, I've caught some good-sized blacks that were lip-hooked, but the results are always much better when that hook is planted deep inside the mouth.

To make sure of this, the fisherman should never attempt to hook a black that is pecking at the bait. Wait for a good, solid tug. That's your signal to rear back on the rod and drive that hook home. I know that in the beginning of a blackfisherman's career, it is difficult to distinguish between the bite of a bergall and that of a blackfish. There is a subtle difference, one which is noticeable only from experience; therefore, it behooves the beginner to wait for that highly-distinguishable solid tug.

Don't be afraid to "stick it to him." There's good reason for this. The black is a powerful fish for its size and it is necessary to get old chisel-tooth started away from the bottom before it is aware of what's going on. If you fail to accomplish this, your fish is sure to dive for the worst part of the obstruction; when this happens some part of your terminal tackle is sure to become fouled. Usually, this means a lost fish, plus the snagged tackle.

The thorn in blackfishing is the pesty bait-stealing bergall. They are the bane of all dedicated blackfishmen and seldom will you find one without the other being close by. Bergalls, however, do have their good points, for if you are being annoyed by them you can be certain there are blackfish on the grounds. Not only that, their pecking at the bait will often call it to the attention of a cruising blackfish—and I've certainly seen this happen more than once. So, refrain from stabbing away at bergalls if you want your share of blackfish. Remember—old chisel-tooth is very suspicious.

Incidentally, you'll notice the veteran blackfishman takes those pesky bergalls in stride. He doesn't allow himself to be distracted; he's too busy concentrating on that slightly heavier bite, the one which signals

Party boats and blackfish go hand-in-hand.

the presence of a blackfish. If there is one thing a blackfisherman must have to succeed it is patience. Patience is the key word when blackfishing—truly a case of mind over matter.

When bergall bites suddenly cease, it can mean one of two things: the bait is gone (most likely), or a blackfish is homing in on what looks like easy pickings—either way, you'll soon find out.

And now we come to the nitty-gritty of blackfishing.

Most fish have but one set of teeth, but the blackfish has two. This is why those fishermen overlooking this fact have trouble hooking these fish. The front teeth, called nippers by some, are used to dislodge barnacles, mussels, crabs, etc., from their moorings. If you strike when this nipping takes place, you stand an excellent chance of missing the fish completely—or as mentioned before, a lightly-hooked fish.

But located near the throat of blackfish is another set of teeth called crushers. These are used to pulverize the hard shell of its victim before swallowing. When you hook is passed back to this area you will immediately know it by a sudden, strong yank from the startled blackfish. Now is the time to strike—hard!

This is how experienced blackfishermen catch old chisel-tooth. It's as simple as that. No tricks. No gimmicks. Just knowledge of the fish. Use this method and watch your catch increase.

Tackle requirements for blackfishing are always on the medium to heavy side, depending upon where the fishing is being done, depth of water, etc. It isn't necessary to use codfishing tackle, but light tackle leaves much to be desired.

I enjoy using light spinning gear, but not for blackfish. If the water is shallow, medium-weight spinning stuff will get by, but when fishing the deeper waters of the Sound or the ocean, all fishermen will find the stiffer boat rod and conventional reel putting more fish in the bucket.

The reel should be well made because it will have to take it. I've been using the same Penn 155 for 44 years with no sign of its quitting; never once has it needed repair—a plus for American-made tackle. A word to the wise is sufficient, which in this instant means "know your manufacturer"; don't buy "Hong Kong" specials. Not for blackfishing, anyway.

Fill your reel with at least 150 yards of good-quality monofilament line—20 to 30 pound test is about right. If you use cheap mono, you'll lose more terminal tackle than necessary. It always pays to use the best tackle you can afford.

Because blackfishing has long been considered a specialized form of angling, some shrewd old-timer designed a special hook to make for easier fishing. This hook is extra-strong, with a short-biting offset hollow-point and barb. It is known as the Virginia hook and the one to use if you intend to become serious about your blackfishing.

What size to use depends much upon where you fish. For instance, a #8 will do inshore in most areas, but in deeper waters where large fish can be expected, a #5 or #6 is best. I know some fishermen who use #2 or #3 in these areas, but I've never found it necessary to do so.

Two hooks are used by most fishermen and these should be tandem-tied and placed two inches above the sinker. To tandem-tie simply fold the snell of one hook at its middle, then pass this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. This second hook is then passed through the first fold, pulled tightly and secured with an overhand knot. Takes but seconds.

However, if the bottom you're fishing is really "sticky," it's best to use one hook. Be sure to carry extra hooks and sinkers. Remember: if you're not being "hung-up" occasionally, you are not fishing in choice blackfishing areas. The mortality rate on terminal tackle may be quite high, so expect to lose a certain amount.

Precise sinker weight can't be given as too many factors enter into its selection. Just be sure your sinker is heavy enough to hold bottom without moving in the slightest. Be sure to pay attention to this important detail as sinker weight may not only vary from day to day, but hour to hour. The bank style is usually preferred by most blackfishermen as its teardrop shape enables it to slide past many minor obstructions.

Forget swivels—or any excess hardware. It isn't necessary and I consider all hardware for bottom fishing only an aid in getting fouled on the least obstruction.

Not only can blackfish be exasperating when the angler attempts to set the hook, they can also drive him up the wall when selecting his bait. There are two schools of thought on bait selection, but if you bear in mind that whatever has or has had a shell around it makes good bait, you should have no trouble.

It is best, though, to keep in mind the season of the year. Springtime blackfishing calls for soft baits (as a rule). This is when sliced skimmer and blood or sandworm turn the trick. It is during fall, though, when crab bait is mostly used. But this is not a hard, fast rule. I've caught some nice blacks in spring on crab, and some dandies in fall with sliced skimmer.

If you use skimmer this spring, be sure to slice into two inch lengths, not too thin. Better results are obtained with skimmer if some of the soft belly remains with each piece of bait.

So, if you want to get yourself a mess of scrappy blackfish this spring, team up with an experienced fisherman and give them a whirl. You may find other bottom fish pale by comparison. One thing: if you learn the blackfishing ropes, they won't be your Nemesis as they are for so many of us. That's for sure.

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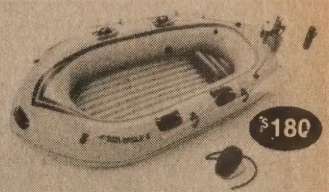

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ONE ON ONE MACKS!

by Capt. Zac Grossman

One scrappy "Boston" at a time is all you need when you scale your tackle down to these little torpedoes.

Mackerel are rarely thought of as individuals. I don't mean socially, I mean from an angler's point of view. This fish is a streamlined torpedo, built for speed from its pointed nose to its forked tail, which is forever in motion, driven by muscles that never rest from birth to death. It is also very pleasing to the eye, shaped as one expects a fish to be shaped and far, far from drab looking.

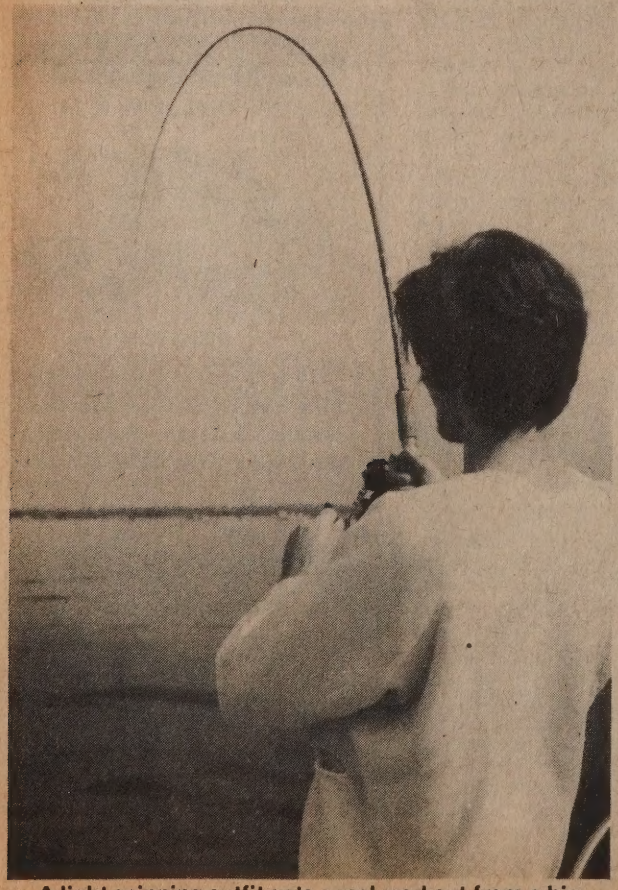
It is a member of the tuna family and as such, possess the speed and power that comes from its heritage, a life of constant motion. Describing a tuna's muscles as toned is an understatement. Why, then, should the mackerel only be thought of in plural terms—"Six on at once," or "Oh no, only a double header?" The reason is the tackle.

If you are not awed by numbers try some ultralight gear on these critters and let them show off that family heritage. There is no limit to how light you can go for these fish as they weigh up to only a few pounds. You can test or sharpen your skills with two pound test line and the lightest of fly tippets, etc. The finesse you learn with this tackle will teach you patience and help sharpen your light tackle skills (everything is relative) on larger species. There are plenty of mackerel to practice on; if you lose one, so what? The loss is not nearly as important as the reason for the loss. What failed? Was it a knot? Was the fish played too softly or too roughly?

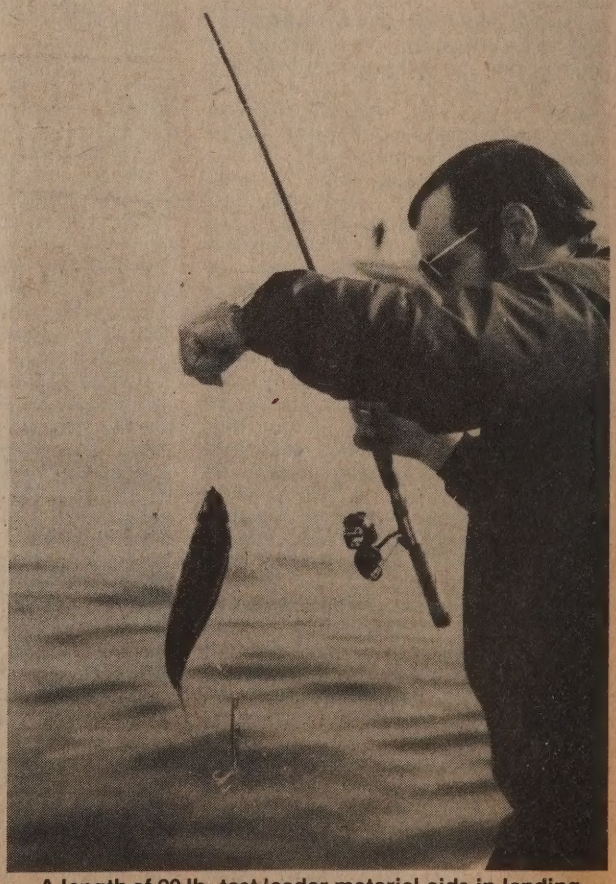
May is the time to try this sport and the best place is Long Island Sound. At this time, mackerel literally fill up this whole body of water and can be found in every bay and harbor as well as scattered liberally between the Long Island and Connecticut/Westchester shores.

They are usually easy to find, especially in the morning and late afternoon when they are most prone to surface. Wheeling birds give their location away at a great distance. When they are on top you only have to approach from up-wind or up-current and drift toward them, casting all the way. They are aggressive fish and will chase almost anything that moves. They will always chase it, but will not always hit it. Some experimentation may be necessary. Changing lure size, color, or speed will eventually get them to hit, but it usually doesn't require that much effort.

The fish feed in open water, free of obstructions and this is what makes them so ideal for light tackle—the fish can't really get away unless you let them. As you drift toward the fish cast to the edges of the school and allow



A light spinning outfit gets a real workout from a big "Boston."



A length of 20 lb. test leader material aids in landing these tough little gamesters.

the lure to sink for a few seconds before retrieving. You can use a steady retrieve, trying different speeds, or you can jig the lure back. The closer the fish are to the surface, the faster the lure. Mackerel favor straight away runs and on ultralight tackle will run quite far before making a deep dive. If you're using this tackle it's obvious that filling the freezer is not your highest priority, so enjoy trying to get the most out of each fish. The schools of fish will keep sounding and coming back up every few minutes depending on boat traffic. Don't bother chasing them too much; just stay in the area and wait for a school to rise near you.

When the fish decide to stay deep, chumming may be required. If you don't have an easy source for bunker chum or don't want to handle chum in such quantities, you can make your own. Fill some empty milk containers with a mixture of cheap cat and dog food laced with sardine oil and some rice or corn meal as filler. Freeze the containers and take them along in a cooler. Just tear off the container and drop the frozen contents in a nylon mesh bag hung from a cleat. It will thaw as you drift along and concentrate the fish in your chum slick.

After casting, use the countdown method to locate the fish; let the lure settle a few seconds more on each successive cast until you get a strike. You will then know how long to wait each time before beginning the retrieve. I like using small spoons weighing about 1/8 ounces when the fish are on top, but I switch to quicker sinking jigs of about one-quarter to one-half ounces when the fish are deeper. These lures work well wtih a really lightweight one-handed spinning stick designed for two to four pound test line coupled with a quality reel having a smooth drag, and a 20 pound test "shock" leader to lift fish in.

For a different twist give these fish a try with a freshwater fly outfit. Use a glass one; this is no place for a fine split bamboo rod if you have one. Use a weight forward line for extra casting distance. If you have a sinking tip you can fish the surface and down a bit as well, depending on how quickly you begin the retrieve. Any sparsely tied, flashy fly, particularly streamers, will do. The closer the fish are to the surface the faster the retrieve will have to be.

Once hooked they take off on a speedy run and you must make sure to clear loose coils of flyline off the deck and through the stripping guide. When using a tippet this light, it only takes a second of hesitation to lose a fish. This is very good practice for flyrodding larger game fish where popping one off is more of a disaster.

You don't have to actually own a boat to give this kind of fishing a try since the mackerel are everywhere in the Sound at this time and there are many boat liveries on both shores. Give it a try and see if you don't enjoy these fish better one at a time.

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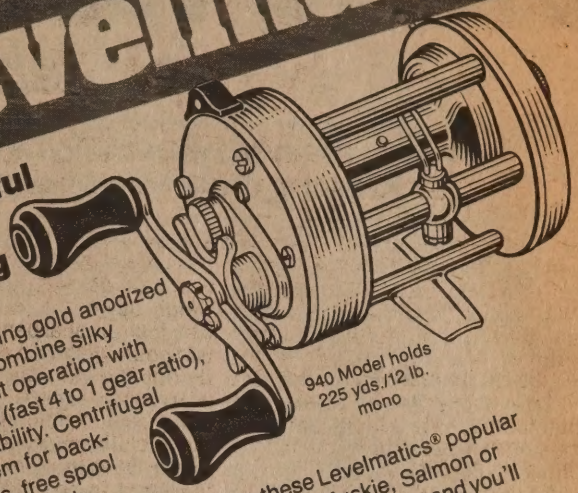

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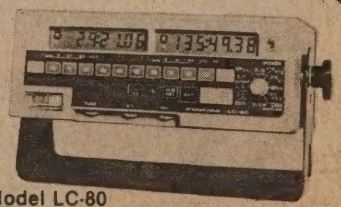

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WAVES TELL THE STORY

by John Fritz

Wave action plays a major role in reading an ocean beach. Knowing how to interpret what you see is the key.

From time's beginning, man has always held a fascination for the sea. When life was a bitter struggle against nature, the sea provided a dependable source of food, a ready avenue of transportation, and a means of defense. Through the ages man has used and abused the sea with indifference; it is only in recent years that some of mankind has realized that the benefits derived from the sea are limited and that vigilance is needed to ensure the sea remains a viable domain.

In this day and age, aside from the sea being an obvious source of food, minerals, power and transportation, it remains a principal place of recreation: for some merely to walk along its edge collecting shells or bits of polished glass; for others a means to actively pursue a favored sport whether it be boating, swimming, diving or fishing. It is the last diversion with which we are concerned, specifically the art of catching game fish from the beach. To use the term art in relation to surf fishing might seem inappropriate, but to a fisherman who knows how to read the beach, choose the correct lure and make full use of wind and tide, the sport does resemble the preparations of an artist who plans and collects all the items needed to ensure success.

Swimmers approaching the water's edge are concerned with the height of the waves or the frigidity of the water; surfers with the curl or patterns as the surf rushes towards the shore, bird watchers with the chance to add a new bird to their sight list, with all thoughts directed towards their specific interest. A knowledgeable surfman entering on the beach takes note of all of this plus many other elements which could all have a bearing on the success of his venture.

To the uninitiated eye an expanse of ocean beach might seem little more than sand, water, and a few birds flying about. The ability to read these signs and to put what they signify to good use makes the difference between a fisherman who occasionally catches fish or the sharpie who rarely gets skunked.

It is obvious that the best time to study the layout of any shore is during the day at low water. This is fine if distance and time permit, but for many anglers free time is precious and the effort expended investigating a distant shore could be better spent in other pursuits. So if your initial trip coincides with high water, there are still ways to determine the layout of submerged sand bars and troughs.

Even after the formations of a beach are learned, do not take anything for granted, for we all know the power of the ocean when it is riled by a strong wind. It is also apparent that little force is needed to move minute particles of sand; even billions of them. A sand beach studied before a strong blow can change drastically before a subsequent trip. Strong winds from an easterly quarter tend to set up a strong western sweep, gouging out the shore line and moving vast quantities of sand westward. Gentle southwest winds tend to have the opposite effect, building up the beach and replacing a portion of the sand which was lost. Because of the unstable character of such shore lines and the possible rearranging of the bottom formations, it is necessary to make note of any alteration at the start of each trip.

In my estimation the least desirable beach formation is one featuring a flat, gently sloping shelf. This unbroken expanse of sand offers little protection for either baitfish or predator. It is easy to distinguish a uniformly sloping beach since the waves will rush the shore in an un-

Wave action plays a major role in reading an ocean beach. Knowing how to interpret what you see is the key.

broken line. Usually this type of beach is the least attractive to both the fish and fisherman with either end of the tide most likely to produce the better fishing. The reason this is most often the case is that during high water there is sufficient depth to allow the fish to move close to shore. At the opposite extreme, it is possible to walk out on the shelf and cast a lure beyond the breakers. The tides in-between are too wet to wade out any distance but lack ample water to draw the fish within casting distance. At the start of this paragraph I stated that this was the least desirable formation but last year Breezy Point, Robert Moses #2 and the western section of the Fire Island National Seashore featured such a shelf and they all produced spectacular fishing.

Lengthy sand bars lying at right angles to the shore are ideal locations to seek game fish. Deep water adjacent to any such formation are natural places for predators to wait for food to be swept from the shallows. To read such structure, look for continuous white water forming a line perpendicular to the shore or, if the water is extremely calm, look for water that's light green to show bars or tan (very shallow). On the other hand, deeper water will show up as a darker shade of green. During the lower stages of the tide it is often possible to push out onto the bar and fish the outer edges or the deeper water along the sides. Once the tide changes and the water level begins to rise, it is time to leave, for one's life is not worth "just one more fish." It should be pointed out when fishing near inlets that the current might still be rushing seaward with the water level already beginning to rise. This could pose a potentially dangerous condition if any low-lying areas have to be crossed before reaching the beach. Examples of such bars can be found at the mouth of the Nissequogue River, inside Democrat Point and the one which was at Cedar Beach, but which is filled in with sand and now produces little good fishing.

It is a simple matter to identify prominent points of land along our south shore beaches. One such point, which lies just east of Robert Moses #4, produced fish when the more favored location to the west yielded little results. On some occasions these points are shallow ledges jutting seaward further than the normal outline of the shore. At the lower tidal stages it is best to wade to the outer edge and cast a lure beyond the lip formed by the breaking surf. Of course, pushing into the surf will depend on how shallow the water is and on how much of a surf is built up. Sometimes there is a deep cut where right angle bars or shelves meet the beach. These are prime locations to set a bait when the tide is high.

The most appealing type of shore line is one featuring a sharply sloping beach which has been cut and gouged out by an angry surf. Deep water pockets formed along the shore's edge, parallel bars cut frequently by sluiceways and short right angle bars with deep water on either side are formations which will quicken the pulse of any surfman. A combination of all these features is found along the Cape Cod shore line at Chatham, but our local beaches rarely present these formations in profusion. When even one such place is found locally, it becomes the center of attraction as anglers crowd the areas seeking the fish drawn by the swirling currents and eddies.

The presence of a parallel bar is evident at high water by the breaking surf as it encounters the barrier protecting the beach. If the distance offshore and the water depth are sufficient, smaller waves will form again before finally washing upon the shore. Normally there is a trough of deep water lying between the bar and the beach which at high water will frequently hold game fish which have crossed the bar in search of food. After the tide has dropped it is best to wade across the trough to gain access to the outer bar and fish off the seaward lip.

The water in this trough will usually rush parallel to the beach towards the nearest breach in the sand bar, creating a strong undertow in that direction. Where this flow returns to the sea is an ideal place to cast a lure, especially on the top three hours of a falling tide. To pinpoint such outlets at high water, look for a break in the normal pattern of breaking waves. Also when waves are crashing heavily on the beach in one area it is a sign that there is no obstruction to their path to the shore. In calm water look for the darker shade of green or an area of ruffled water as this outward flow forms a river-like rush to the sea.

The patterns of the waves and the tint of the water are the two key factors when determining underwater formations when they are not visible. Polaroid sunglasses will eliminate the sun's glare off the water and will help to detect the differences in the shades of water, darker colors indicate deep water with the lighter the more shallow the depth. Sounds easy, but what do you do when the water is dirty and little color variation is visible. Usually if the water is dirty there will be sufficient wave action to pinpoint the potentially productive areas. Move away from the water's edge; greater height will improve your perspective. So climb the highest dune, by foot, of course, and study the area carefully. If the shore line is straight as an arrow with the waves rolling uniformly along the entire beach, pick any spot for it makes little difference. On the other hand, if there are deep gouges out of the bank or white water areas where all else is calm, then here is the place to cast your lure. Even if results are minimal on this trip, mark the spot for if there are any fish in the area they will eventually take up residence in these dissimilar waters—possibly on tonight's tide.

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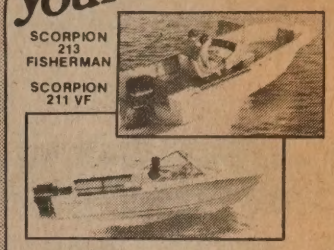

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UNCLE JOE WAS HERE

by George Walczyk

Many of us owe our enthusiasm for angling to an "Uncle Joe." This little vignette is a tribute to all those "Uncle Joes" who have left their mark.

On one hand, it was so long ago when I had gone on my first fishing trip. On the other hand, I can almost touch that eventful day with the tips of my fingers. Almost, but not quite.

Uncle Joe was an ordinary person. A regular Joe, you might say. (Yes, a pun certainly was intended here.) However, to his nephew he was kind of special. Special in the way he could turn a rainy day into bright sunshine. I duly remember a gray, somber Saturday morning when he had nothing else to do but sweep the front sidewalk. I surely didn't believe Uncle Joe's heart was in his chores that day.

The night before, I saw him sitting at the kitchen table with that twinkle in his eyes, his fishing tackle strewn before him. He was dreaming of that record. That big ol' linesides, the envy of all fishingdom. I don't know how many times Uncle Joe dreamed of catching that big prize, but I do know that nobody was more content or happier in their dreams than he was. Uncle Joe's pot o' gold, indeed, his heaven on earth would've been to latch onto a fish such as that.

Well, sir, to get back to Saturday morning—all of a sudden the broom slid out of Uncle Joe's long, lanky fingers like money slides out of my wife's purse. His eyes, which had been rather lackluster all morning, suddenly turned into a sparkling tirade!

"Look, the sun is comin' out," he shouted as he peered down at me.

"But, Uncle Joe—it's startin' ta rain," I said back to him.

I don't recall the rest of the dialogue, although I do remember him saying something about it brightening up a whole lot since earlier. He also said something about the air feeling much drier than it did shortly before. Anyhow, Uncle Joe decided to go fishing that day. Better yet, he decided to take his seven-year-old nephew along.

We arrived in Island Park at about noon. Uncle Joe rented a rowboat, got some bait, and off we went. My uncle was a pretty good oarsman for his slight frame. He was one of those guys who never really look like they're in tiptop shape, but never get sick in spite of it. He flexed those oars for twenty minutes. (For young fellers who don't know any better, an oar is a stick that has one fat end. You put the fat end in the water and manipulate it so that your boat goes some place.)

It was late March, and the flounder were running to a fair degree in Reynold's Channel. As soon as the anchor was set, it began to rain like all get-out. Uncle Joe over-wrapped me with a large winter jacket and an oilskin of some sort. Then he settled back to fish.

Rain started dripping off his old, musty, wrinkled Fedora. He tweaked his sharp nose a few times, and

moved his angular face from side to side. As he faced me, I saw that his spectacles were fogging up. I thought to myself—so, the sun is coming out! So, the air is getting drier! Uncle Joe, you need a new pair of glasses!!

On that day I learned a valuable lesson. You can't see what a fisherman sees or experience what he feels until you look through his rose-colored glasses or wear his old fishing boots.

About a half hour after we anchored, I felt a little tingle and a twitch on my fishing rod. I remember exactly what I was thinking of at the moment. There was some magic happening at the terminal end of my fishing line. I got the kind of feeling I used to get when I expected Santa Claus to flop down our chimney with all kinds of goodies n' stuff. Some creature was **actually** yanking at me through the fibers of my fishin' line.

I yanked back.

"Hot dog," I yelled.

The little twitch turned into a hand-slapping tug. (At least that's what it felt like to me.)

I remember Uncle Joe telling me to keep the line tight. Advice he would be giving me for many more fishing trips to come.

When I saw something flashing just beneath the surface of the water, I craned my pole high up into the air. It seemed a miracle. A fish, a flounder was flopping at my feet. It was then I realized my heart was pounding like a bass drum on St. Patrick's Day. I think it was still raining, because I saw the water still dripping off Uncle Joe's mangled Fedora. Funny thing, though—I didn't feel the rain. I didn't feel the cold. I just felt warm, excited, and happy.

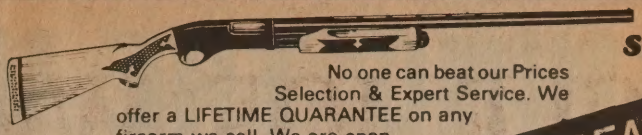
During the three or four hours we fished, we caught about seven flounder. I thought we had a terrific day. Uncle Joe appeared satisfied, too.

In a childish way, I studied Uncle Joe as he stroked the oars back and forth in order to get us back to the dock. The day before, I had seen a man who labored at a non-assuming type of vocation. I saw a fine, reliable man—although, in a true sense, he was not exceptional as far as material stature was concerned.

That day, I saw an individual who was capable of ruling his own world. An individual who was free to face and enjoy the elements. A person who was friendly, and fun to be with. Most importantly, I saw a man who had most of his wealth stored inside his heart.

The rain had just about stopped as we approached the dock. Beyond Uncle Joe's straining figure, the western horizon was starting to clear. I believe I even saw a few big patches of blue sky during those waning moments of the afternoon.

I often sit back at night, pipe in hand, the pleasant rumblings of family chatter in the background, and I secretly reflect...I'm glad Uncle Joe was here.



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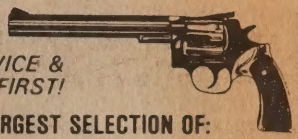

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FISHING THE WET FLY

by Lou Truppi

Versatile, productive and easy to fish all describe the wet fly to a certain degree. Versatile in the sense it may be fished utilizing a wide assortment of styles and methods. Productive due to the numerous fishing situations it can handle and species of fish it will catch. Finally the wet fly is not out of the realm of the ordinary angler's box of tricks when it comes to mastering the art of fishing this consistent producer.

I guess when I caught my first trout on a Coachmen wet fly many years back, the one difference that was readily apparent to me was the casual manner in which I achieved apparent success.

Like many budding fly fishermen, I chose to develop my initial skills via the dry fly. Not fully understanding the true criteria of fly fishing, I was readily admonished to watch for rises rather than fishing to trout. I surmised somewere that to become a successful fly fisherman I must start catching trout. So rather than trying to "match the hatch" and follow in the hallowed footsteps of many dry fly purists, I pursued wet fly fishing. Hurrah, almost overnight while diligently polishing my casting techniques I started to catch trout on the wet feathers. It slowly came to me why I was suddenly doubling my catch on the wets while the dries would only produce on given situations. That was precisely it. Given situations. Of course, the dry fly fisherman was compelled to fish to a rising trout. These situations occurred very infrequently so the neophyte fly fisherman's fishing time and experience was both curtailed and prolonged. Going wet prevents this. Since most fly fishermen will readily admit to being aware of the fact that trout feed 90 percent of the time on underwater bugs, the wet fly technique comes on even stronger. The more I fished the wet, the more I realized the need to be able to read the water and cast accurately. Another thought I would like to interject at this point is that a lot of beginners' casting ability needn't be 100 percent to become a successful fly fisherman. You must attain accuracy. Distance casting alone will not make you a successful fly fisherman. You're far better off being able to cast 30 feet accurately rather than 130 feet relying on distance alone. I know there are occasions when distance casting can be beneficial; but believe me, I can cast 125 feet with the fly rod and fairly accurately, but seldom find myself casting over 30 feet when fly fishing on most local streams. In fact, my first fly caught trout were taken with under 20 feet of line out. Since many streams you'll be fishing are probably under 50 feet wide, you can readily see the need for accuracy and cautious approach as opposed to the 100 foot cast.

My rod choice for wet fly fishing on most eastern streams is an 8 to 9½ footer rated for a five or six weight line. Since many of the new boron graphite composites are so light, I opt for the extra length. It permits easier fly placement with a minimal amount of false casting while the added length provides for a drag free controlled drift.

Leader choices for most wet fly fishing should closely follow the type of water you will be fishing. Rule to pursue here is when fishing fast water a 7½ foot leader is fine while on the more placid stretches and slow moving deeper holes, I lengthen my

Big trout feed deep—wet flies get down to their dining room.

leader to nine to twelve feet. Always recognize the fact that the lighter the leader, the more hits you will receive. So try to use the lightest that the prevailing fishing situation will permit or your casting acumen will allow.

Choosing a reel is relatively simple. Purchase the lightest and finest quality you can afford. I prefer the small multiplying styles. The reel's capacity should provide room for at least 20 yards of backing plus the fly line. In the event you might encounter a bigger fish, the backing will provide added security.

Wet flies, as all flies, come in a multitude of patterns, sizes and colors. I've decided on size and color being of major importance. I don't try to "match the hatch" per se, but rely on reasonable size and color facsimiles. Many ardent wet fly fishermen, including myself, rig the wets in multiples. Sometimes these rigs will consist of a wet and nymph rather than a combination of standard wet fly patterns. It's truly mind-boggling to the beginning fly fisherman when faced with selecting fly patterns. I know I ran into this perplexing problem when I first began fly fishing. I, however, feel I've found a simple solution for the neophyte fly fisherman. This is not a panacea for all, but merely a method to streamline your initial technique.

I've been selecting my flies' colors and sizes in accordance with the time of season. My early season choices have been the darker fuller-bodied patterns such as the hare's ear, cow dung, peacock hearl, etc. This time of year the streams are usually high and somewhat turbid. So when faced with these conditions I find the larger size flies produce best. Sizes I use range from 8 to 12. As the season progresses I lean toward a smaller fly somewhat lighter in color fished on a fine long leader. These lighter patterns I've found successful are light tan in color with dark trim. The Jersey cream, pale dun or ginger quill all reflect solid fish-catching choices this time of year. There is one exception to my above choices for this season and that is the black gnat. This fly when fished wet during mid-season will take fish consistently with few equals. Although I prefer the darker hued flies, I also accounted for many trout on the caddis worm pattern fished wet. This fly is, of course, light to medium tan in color and produces extremely well from mid-May to mid-June.

I've mentioned earlier that wet flies will produce when presented as multiples. That is to say that one or more flies are used at once. Many accomplished wet fly proponents I've fished with use multiple flies regularly. When the wet is used in this fashion, I fish a brighter color fly on the end of the leader, while the dropper fly may be of more subdued tones (refer to Fig. I). I refer to the fly at the leader's end as my attractor; therefore, I like this fly to possess either a tinseled body or one designed from tube mylar. Many instances the brighter fly will be the primary catcher; other times the standard pattern will prevail. Nymphs may also be added to this arrangement and will prove a potent trout taker. So whatever or however you choose to rig for wet fly fishing, always remember to go as light as leader wise you can for the situation at hand. As you've probably gathered, when presenting this multiple fly arrangement, fancy casts are restricted. Here's where the longer rod becomes a valuable tool to present your offering. Many times if you've done your stream homework, all that will be needed to reach those trout will be a simple underhand placement cast. Simply lift and lob the flies to the head of a pool and follow their movement with your rod held high. The rod held in this position will ensure an accurate and properly timed drift. Any hit will immediately be detected by the angler due to the lack of slack line. A shorter rod in this situation would make for a restrictive casting tool and slack prone drift thus allowing missed strikes. When mastered, wet fly fishermen agree this method produces soundly under a variety of stream situations.

As you can readily see, wet fly fishing can be easily learned by all budding fly fishermen. Methods are fairly simple and results can be attained while you learn. It's truly a fly fishing method that will let your imagination rule your success. Fancy casting ability is not required but proper tackle selection is a must. Learn your basic pattern of wet flies and these will provide a sound basis for future endeavors. Multiple rigged wet flies will on occasion outfish the single hook. Many purists will never indulge in multiple wet fly fishing. However, it is a sound and productive technique that should not be overlooked by any fisherman.

As you progress through the fly fisherman ranks, the most important tips I can offer to any beginner are simply: purchase quality tackle, select the size flies you will be using for most of your fishing, and then select a line that will cast those sizes effectively. You can save on the price of a reel, since the reel merely holds the line. If big fish are not regularly encountered, then select the smallest reel that will do the job. If there's an outside chance a big fish will come your way, then select a reel that will hold your fly line plus 50 feet of backing. This reel should also possess a drag of smooth quality. Again, keep it light. I strongly recommend a rod of at least 8½ feet for wet fly fishing. A 9 footer is even better. The long rod will keep the line entry angle high and off the water. This sharp angle will provide a smooth drift with only the leader preceding the fly so as not to spook the trout.

Keeping all this in mind might seem rather tough at first, but it is relatively simple. Wet fly fishing is a great way to introduce any angler to fly fishing.

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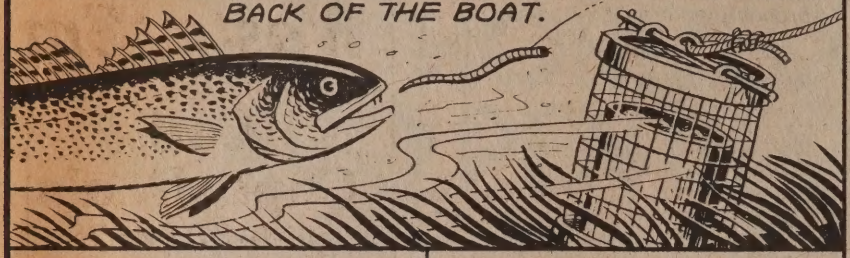
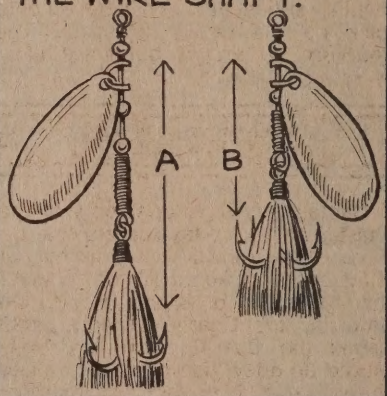


GAMEFISH LIKE LURES WITH REVOLVING BLADES AND USUALLY HIT THE BLADE ITSELF. IF THE HOOK IS TOO FAR BACK THEY DON'T GET CAUGHT, SO REDUCE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN BLADE AND HOOK.

REDUCE GAP (A) BY USING SHORTER SHANK HOOKS (B) OR SHORTEN THE WIRE SHAFT.



FOUR STEPS TO FILLET

YOUR PANFISH ... *MAKE OPENING CUT HERE.*

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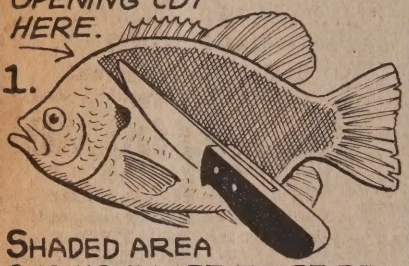

SHADED AREA SHOWS FILLET TO BE REMOVED. SCALING NOT NECESSARY. *MAKE SECOND CUT.*

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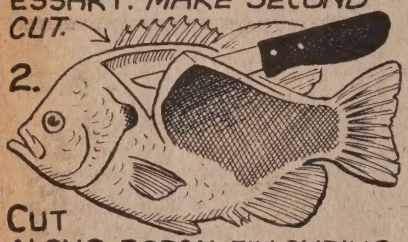

CUT ALONG DORSAL FIN SLIDING KNIFE ALONG RIBS AND PEELING FILLET BACK. DO NOT PUNCTURE STOMACH CAVITY.

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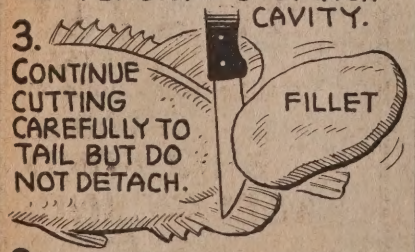


CONTINUE CUTTING CAREFULLY TO TAIL BUT DO NOT DETACH.

SEPARATE SKIN FROM FILLET AS SHOWN.

4.

NOW DO THE OTHER SIDE.

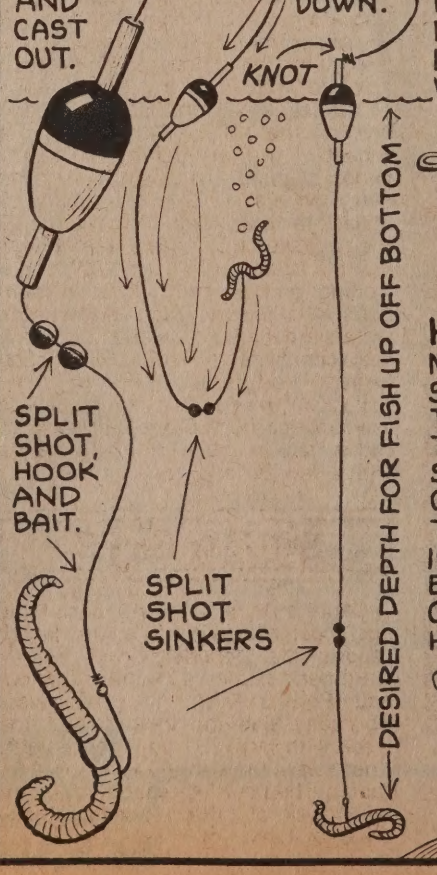
THE SLIP-BOBBER TECHNIQUE

FOR FISHING WATER TOO DEEP FOR BOTTOM FISHING AND THE LINE FROM BOBBER TO BAIT IS TOO LONG TO CAST OUT.

TIE KNOT IN LINE AT DESIRED DEPTH, THREAD ON BOBBER, ADD SPLIT SHOT FOR BALANCE AND CAST OUT.

LINE SLIPS THROUGH BOBBER UNTIL *KNOT* → STOPS BAIT AT RIGHT DEPTH.

WEIGHT OF SINKER TIPS BOBBER UPRIGHT. BAIT IS 10-15 FEET DOWN.



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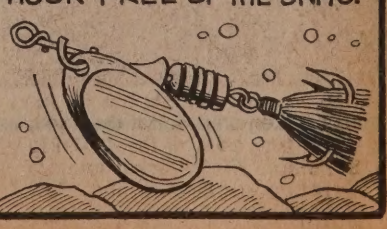

East End REPORT
with Bob Lee

Flounder action continues to be excellent all over the East End. The larger variety of these fish moved into the waters off of Gardiner's Island. Codfishing has slowed down off Block Island, but pollock made a strong showing during the week. Weakfish showing up at their usual haunts, this fishing still a little slow but should pick up the weeks to come. The mackerel are around but it's a hit or miss proposition.

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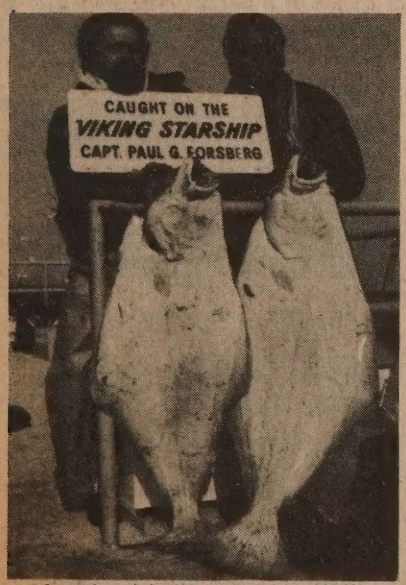
Captain Jay Rigano, skipper of the charter boat **Lori-Jay** reports that on Friday the Frank Marinelli group of Elmsford, NY caught 30 cod up to 12 lbs. southeast of Block Island. On Saturday the Charlie Rigano group fished the CIA Grounds and only picked up a few fish. One cod tipped the scales at 52½ lbs., three others were 40 lb. plus, the rest were in the 3-10 lb. range.

Captain Bud Dorman of the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed** reports this fares are averaging 7 to 12 plus cod each. Jeff Breslow of Bayside hoisted the two biggest cod, 40 and 45 lbs. respectively. Bud plans to start open boat jumbo Gardiner's Island flounder, Wednesday, May 18th, 7AM daily. The **Waxed** is sailing daily from Montauk Marine Basin. See LIF ad for details.



A pair of halibut in the 50 lb. class taken on a recent George's Bank trip aboard the "Viking Starship." The lucky anglers were Pedro Larava and Carl Baker.

Captain Bill Ricca, skipper of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** reports that the codfishing was slow over the weekend. The **Alyssa Ann** picked a few at SW Ledge and south of Block Island. The snowshoe flounder action was excellent if the anglers could get through the bergalls. Flounder up to 3½ lbs. were taken close to Block Island. Culloden Pt. is another hotspot for flounder.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charter boat **Julie III** reports pretty good codfishing just south of Block Island on Saturday. The Paradise Fishing Club led by Tom Sascaldi caught 45 cod in the 4 to 13 lb. range in this area.

Captain Phil Lewis, skipper of the charter boat **Adios** reports codfishing was spotty this week. Captain Lewis said a tremendous amount of bait moved into the Block Island area this week. This should be a forerunner of good fishing in the weeks to come. Flounder fishing is excellent at Gardiner's Island.

Captain Dusty, skipper of the charter boat **Little Bear** said he will be switching from spring cod fishing to flounder fishing at Gardiner's Island, on Saturday and Sunday at 7AM. The **Little Bear** will also have a special 10-man limit trip during the week. For reservations or info, call (516) 668-2225. See LIF ad for more details.

Captain John Potts, skipper of the **Blue Fin IV** reports that Monday the Vaccaro group of Connecticut caught 75 pollack in the 5-10 lb. range, with a few in the 15 lb. range. This group also had 35 cod to 32 lbs. The **Blue Fin IV** trolled tubes and used diamond jigs on these fish. Tuesday was a repeat of the day before, with only two anglers aboard. Josh Snyder and Jerry Myers of Dix Hills had 60 pollack to 15 lbs. and 34 codfish to 20 lbs., all taken trolling tubes. Wednesday the Malone group had 50 pollack trolling and 33 cod taken on clam baits. All this fishing took place in the waters around Block Island. Saturday, the Acers Anglers Fishing Club fished Sharks Ledge and caught three pollack in the 25-30 lb. range plus a few smaller fish. Clam bait took 25 cod mostly in the 10 to 15 lb. range with a few 20 to 25 lbs.

SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach, skipper of the open boat **Wilhelric** out of **Sag Harbor** reports the flounder action off of Gardiner's Island is excellent. Orient and Petty's Bight is great also. Thursday was the best day of the week with over 300 flounder caught. These were big fish in the 1½ to 4 lb. range. The pool fish caught by Peter Kilanowski of Little Neck tipped the scales at 4 lbs. 1 oz. The **Wilhelric** will make its first night **weakfishing trip,**

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The Goehle party of St. James with part of a large catch of cod made at Montauk recently aboard the charter boat "Blue Fin."

MONTAUK POINT

Friday, May 13 at 7PM.

Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine Fishing Station** in **Sag Harbor** reports the flounder action was very good during the week but slowed a bit over the weekend. There are big flounder at Tobaccolot Bay and east of Gardiner's Island. Some scattered weakfish action at Noyac Bay near buoy 16. A few mackerel at Jessups but no big run of these fish.

In **Noyac** Helen Jacobson of the **Noyac Marina** reports good flounder action east of Jessups and the Monastery. Frank Cassidy of Seaford, Charlie Lewis of Bayside and Dick Rosenbaum of East Hampton fished Smiths Cove and caught 25 flounder. This group turned to weakfishing later in the day off of buoys 16 and 17. Frank Cassidy hooked an 11 lb. 2 oz. weak. On Saturday, Frank Gushue of Valley Stream caught a 12 lb. 2 oz. weak in the same area. On Saturday, Frank Manfrie of Seaford, Tony Imtagliala and Al Cordero of Queens had 41 flounder and 1 porgy at the east side of Jessup's.

In **Southampton**, Thom Speck of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** tells us thsat Bob Harver and wife Naomi caught 26 fat flounder at Tobaccolot. The largest tipping the scales at 3 lbs. 4 oz. Walter Bohnemerger fished Promised Land Friday and Saturday and caught over 40 fat flounder each day. The Basket in Shinnecock Bay and outside Heddy Creek still holding good populations of flounder. Shinnecock Canal is spotty, most of the flounder taken are 3/4 to 2 lbs. Dave Penzon of Lindenhurst weighed in a 43¾ lb. cod taken at Montauk on Friday. Reports of a few weakfish catches off of Cows Neck and the waters of Noyac Bay. Some scattered mackerel action at the South Race.

Captain Ken Malone, skipper of the **Jenny Rose** based on the **Shinnecock Canal** reports excellent flounder fishing west of the Ponquogue Bridge. The **Jenny Rose** fished this area on Saturday and had 40 flounder in the 1-1½ lb. range. The pool winner was 9-year-old Jane Hobel with a 1 lb. 9 oz. flounder. Clams and

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worms were the best baits.

In **Hampton Bays**, Charlie of **Corrs Marina** reports decent flounder action west of the Ponquogue Bridge. Tom Wolf and Bob Rahn of Bay Shore caught 80 good size flounder in this area on Saturday. These anglers used worms and chummed with crushed mussel. George Theophall and his uncle Al fished 150 ft. west of the Ponquogue Bridge and caught a mess of fat flounder. They left this area to fish the Peconics. While drifting for weaks off of Cows Neck, George hooked and landed an 8 lb. blackfish.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

In addition to some excellent flounder action, particularly in Moriches Bay, the weekend also bore the first signs of a developing weakfish run. A number of tiderunners were weighed at tackle shops on Saturday and Sunday and while most catches numbered only 1 or 2 fish, the appearance of these favorite gamefish will be celebrated by hordes of anglers this coming weekend. Fluke have begun to trickle down through Fire Island Inlet, blackfish have begun to establish themselves in the area, and both blowfish and blue claw crabs began showing up this week. There are even some bluefish around as evidenced by the chopper that gobbled a jelly worm I had intended for a weakfish off of Atlantique on Friday.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Virtually everyone polled here echoed the same sentiments of super flounder fishing. The area north of buoys 41 and 42 of of Haven's Point saw some heavy scores made by rental skiff customers throughout the week. While all agreed that the flood tide produced the most and bigger fish, some fine scores were made on outgoing water as well. Even with the abundance of flatties, heavy chumming is a must if you're looking to stock the freezer with fillets.

Joe Foglia and Ed Cunningham needed just 3 hours of Saturday's ebb tide to bail 98 flatties after leaving from Larry Dallaire's **L & M Marine** in **E. Moriches**. Larry also put in a word for codfishing possibilities on the wrecks lying outside of Moriches Inlet. The charter boat **Tender Loving Care**, which sails from the station, did a good job on the cod

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This catch of 60 big flatties was made by John DeVita, Rich Leath and Jim Nicolaidis at Haven's Point in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

Saturday. A 6 man party headed by Joseph Shore averaged 10 fish apiece in the 10-15 pound range. They also had a few 8-12 pound pollock. Jigs took most of the fish.

Bob Mignrey of **Hi-Way Fishing Station** provided ample evidence of the hot flounder fishing currently underway. On Saturday, Tom Erickson headed a 3 boat party from the Florence Corp. in Jericho. The group totalled over 250 flatties for their efforts. Same day, James and Pete Canale, Mike Bronco and a Mr. Mishu loaded 200 fish into their rental skiff northwest of buoy 42. Worms, red-dyed clams and mussels all took fish. Plenty of quality fish remain in the bay as Walter Szalankiewicz demonstrated on Sunday. Among Walter's 3 pails of flatties were a dozen fish in the 2 to 2½ pound range.

Fishing alone out of Jim DeVita's **Skidmore's Fishing Station** on Friday, Joe Winowiecki tallied 50 flatties onthe Haven's Point grounds. Same day, Hank Schlanger, also alone, put away 55 fish. While there was little activity on Sunday due to the wind and Mother's Day, Saturday was another story. Jim thought that nearly all of the boats in his fleet returned with from 60 to over 100 flounder. Hank Kurz and Dom Giordano Jr. and Sr. returned with 127 flatties, 14 eels and 17 blue claws. They used sandworms and heavy chum.

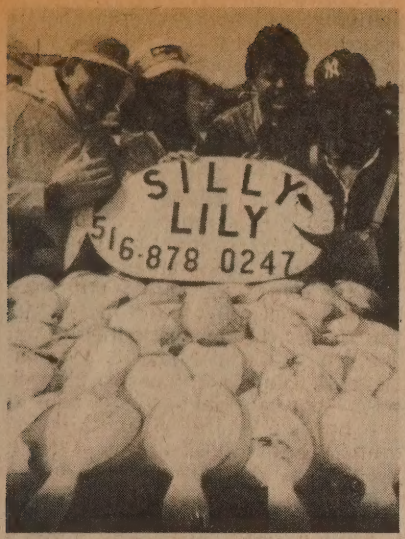
Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** told of Bob Nurnberger and Bill Barnhardt who used just 3 hours of Saturday's flood tide to total 135 fish. Sunday morning's ebb tide produced a 70 fish catch for Carmine and Rose Esposito.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tacklein Patchogue** had several weaks parade through his door over the weekend. Barry Springer had the largest, a 9½ pounder. It was one of 3 that he and 2 companions took on Sunday at Ocean Beach. They used combo baits of grape jelly worms and sandworms. On Saturday, a Mr. Wildman checked in an 8 pound weak from the same area. Paul saw his first yellowfin on Friday when Jim McArdle produced a 9 pound fish on a white jelly worm.

At **South Bay Fishing Station** in **West Sayville**, Vinny had a 10.9 pound tiderunner to report for Joe DiPerri and Judy Notti on Saturday. While most of his customers have been concentrating their efforts on flounder, Vinny expects that to change markedly with the appearance of the weaks onthe Ocean Beach Grounds.

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale looked over a number of weaks in the 7-9 pound range on the weekend. All were single fish catches with the exception of one



A fine catch of Moriches Bay flatties made by Stan and Randy Buchband, Vinnie Cimmino and Dave Sambora. The group did their fishing out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

3 fish catch checked in on Sunday. Another exception was Lucy Plechardt's 11.12 pounder taken on Saturday on a bloodworm. All the other scores were made on either sand or jelly worms. Scene of the fishing was Ocean Beach. The first weak checked in here was Eric Viener's 8 pounder taken on Wednesday. Flounder fishing in good shape at Clam Pond and the Sore Thumb. For casters, one customer showed a catch of 18 flatties in the ¾ to 1½ pound range made from the Oak Beach Shore.

Irene Cioffi checked in her first weak at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**. The 11.12 pounder was taken by Tom Boylan on Sunday while drifting a red jelly worm near buoy 12. Nine year old Mathew Weiner and six year old Billy Turnble, with a little help from their dads Jeff and Bruce, put 80 flatties into the box on Saturday. Fishing was done near Kismet. The shop weakfish contest is underway until June 1 with a custom rod going to the winner.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore** knew of a few weaks taken down at Ocean Beach over the weekend. He knew too that the F.I. Pound Traps had a big haul of the new arrivals the middle of last week. The best flounder action is currently along the bay's south shore with Clam Pond, South Beach and the Sore Thumb all producing. A few blackfish were taken at the Kismet while some blue claw crabs showed up at the Bay Shore town docks. The only mackerel report to come Carl's way involved a 150 fish catch made on Saturday east of the NA buoy.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** told me that the flounder fishing remained very good most of the week. On Friday, Sid and Bertha Levy teamed to take 61 fish.

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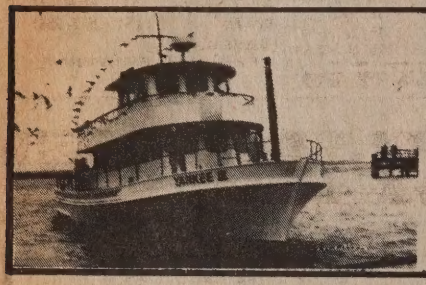

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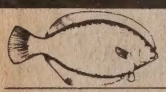

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Sunday's flounder trip produced 60 flatties plus a pool winner for Robert Ungaro and Mike Cohen. Same day, Walt and Kay Stevenson tallied 38 fish. Harold Sinkota tired of catching flounder on Saturday's trip and decided to cast a jelly worm. The switch paid off handsomely as a 12.2 pound tiderunner gobbled his offering. Neil's mom Janet showed the way on Saturday's PM weakfish trip with the only fish, a 9.4 pounder. This coming weekend will see tides switch over to the more productive ebb.

The **Captree Fleet** continued to do a real good job on the flatties and the fishing is close by along South Beach and east to Atlantique. Also some good fishing at the Sore Thumb this past week and fishing here will only get better over the next few weeks as the flatties funnel out of the bay and through the inlet.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the open boat, **Capt. Rod** said fares enjoyed plenty of action to the east with smaller fish during the week. Returning to the same area near Sailors Haven on Saturday, the skipper found very few fish but gambled on the same spot Sunday with gratifying results. Woody Slayback led the way with 51 flatties, including many nice fish. Adam and Erica Goodrich, along with their dad, finished up with 115 flounder. Rod noted that 5 blowfish were also taken during the course of the day. These were the first to come to our attention this season.

Captain Carl Passerro of the **Jib VI** said that flounder fishing has been consistently good all week with most fares finishing up with 15-20 flatties apiece. The skipper found a load of big fish on a drop along South Beach during Friday's afternoon trip. Thursday saw some big scores made by Ron De Prima who had 37 flatties and four members of the Trandich family who

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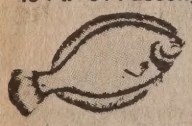
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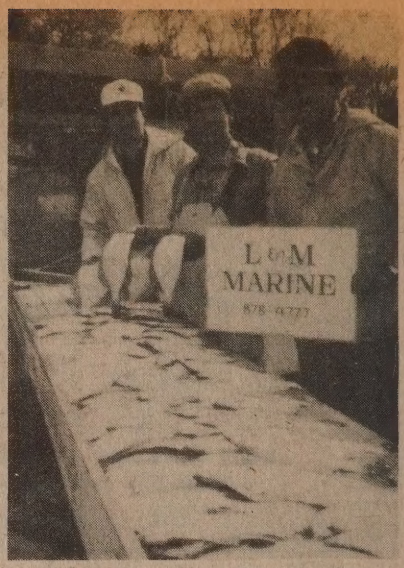

Frank Zodl, Joe Dionisio and Manny Gerolamo teamed up to take 126 flatties on May 1. They fished N.E. of buoy 42 in Moriches Bay after renting a skiff from L&M Marine Fishing Station.

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bagged 157 fish.

The **Captree Queen** reported good flatfishing between Atlantique and South Beach this past week. Weahfishing got off to a slow start but this week's tides should result in some decent action.

The charter boat **Prime Time** fished a group from Half Hollow Hills West high School on Thursday with good results. Joe Troise led the way with 14 fish while Eric Haberstad took the pool with a 2 lber. Saturday's charter saw three members of the Helidorfer family nail 50 flatties including 2.2 lb. pool winner. Scene of the fishing has been at the Sore Thumb where quite a few nice fish are mixed in.

Captain Ed Laske of the charter boat **Dixie** reported a super day of flounder fishing for the Vern Gecklen party on Friday. Working the Elam Pond area, the skipper reported many anglers had catches in the 30-35 fish range.

Captain Tom Burke of the **Lady Ann** told of good scores for charters on both Saturdy and Sunday. Tom worked both Clam Pond and along South Beach.

Good flounder action at the Captree Overlook Pier and Robert Moses Pier this week according to Noel Kauppauf of **Captree Bait Station.** Also a few blackfish mixing in with the flatties. A few weaks showed up near the Drawbridge this weekend with John Shlimbaum checking in a 7.12 lber. Scott, Rich and Rick Molnar checked in boat caught weaks of 9.12 and 11.8 lbs. on Sunday. A few fluke showing up also in the inlet.

The **Babylon** open boat **Luci III** continues to work on the flatties on the StateChannel between Babylon and Lindenhurst to the tune of 12-15 per man. A few fluke are being caught

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John Walker (left) of West Babylon with his pool winning flattie taken on a recent trip aboard the Captree open boat "Captree Queen II."

each day. Highlight of Sunday's trip was a 4 lb. weak taken while floundering according to Capt Jack Stoddard.

Good flounder fishing along South Beach, Sore Thumb and the Babylon cut according to Mickey Chiarenza of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **babylon.** Macks are scattered between 60 and 100 feet of water and surprising numbers of fluke being caught at the inlet. A few weaks showed at Ocean Beach over the weekend. Gaspar Garaputo weighed in a 4.6 lb. blackfish on Sunday.

Sal and Ed Leece checked in an 80 fish catch at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** on Saturday. They did their floundering at the Sore Thumb. Same day and spot, Jack and Doris Brietenbucher had 50 nice flatties according to Make Andreanni. A few fluke, weaks and blacks put in an appearance this weekend while Southard's Pond in Babylon continues to surrender some nice brook trout in the 12-13" range.

Combs Bait and Tackle in **Amityville** spoke of very good flounder fishing at Squaw and West Islands and south of Wanser's Cut. Equally good blackfishing at the Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridges on green crabs and weaks showing down at Ocean Beach. Chuck Radi had three from 3-5 lbs. on Saturday. George will be stocking sand shrimp for weakfish chum beginning this week in addition to taking orders for jumbo sandworms.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

With warm weather closing in aside from the rather strong flounder activity just about everywhere, we are now finding representative catches of warm water species in a lot of anglers' catches such as mackerel, fluke, weaks and blowfish. Flounder, however, continue to hog the spotlight.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Starting from the Seaford area, **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** talks of Rudy, Fred and Otto from the Wantagh Fire house who belted 90 flounder to 2½ lbs. Saturday at Massapequa Cove. Most of the rental boats did well that day too. On Sunday Rich Green and Bill Desthens of Copiague socked it to 150 flounder up to 2¾ lbs. in the State Channel at Zachs Bay. A few blowfish were also boated. This was all on outgoing tide on worms and mussel chum. The Seaford head boat **Chinco III** advised there were a lot of fish around every day this week with high hooks on every trip from 25 to 30 fish. Catches averaged from 14 to the low 20s per man with fish being good sized, 3/4 lbs. and up. Two pounders have been the usual pool fish of each day's trip. Captain Brian has been working the bridges and the deeper areas in Merrick, with outgoing tide working best. Worms and mussels have been catching equally well. The flounder are moving and have been coming off the flats into deeper water.

Good weather equals good fishing said John at **Pop's Fishing Station** with Saturday being the best day of the week for both. Now some blackfish and a few fluke are also being added to the flounder catches. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Dom Piazza and Tony Dibona hoisted 45 flounder in the 2 to 2¼ lb. class on worms and mussel at the 2nd bridge. Joe Cameron and Dan and Michael Shay squeezed Squaw Island for 75 flatties, going heavy on the mussel chum. Roman Benke and John Varallo had 50 keeper flounder that day working the Black Banks. Lots of throwbacks now being seen. The turn of the tide has been the best producer and plenty of chum is the key to success. John said catches have been good during the week also.

Wanser's Tackle also in Seaford told of very good flounder catches coming from Massapequa Cove and Fort Neck Point, as well as Four

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Corners and the drawbridge area. Lon saw catches of up to 100 fish per boat with the beginning of the ebb best. Chumming is essential and mussels are the key. Mussel bait also. The fish have been good size with a lot of 3/4 lbers. Some blacks on inshore wrecks and the inlet rocks. The shop will have fiddler crabs for the weekend. A few bass have been coaxed from north and south shore surf lines with sand worms. Try Gilgo.

Custom Tackle tells of Al Clark who nailed 90 mackerel early in the week at Cholera. Flounder remain strong for the store's customers with Four Corners and the first bridge producing fish in the 1 to 2 lb. range. Tony Merino, Frank Di Carlo and pal Mike accounted for 50 flatties from 1-3 lbs. working the State Channel at Zachs Bay at the east entrance Sunday on incoming tide, using bloodworms and clam chum.

Merrick Tackle in Bellmore passed the word about a 12 lb. 8 oz. weakfish caught Saturday by Joe Eiperri, Brooklyn who soaked a sand worm at Ocean Beach. Joe dropped 3 other weaks. The shop's customers have been finding flounder nearly all over the place with a lot of 2 lb. fish being taken and 2 lb. 12 oz. the largest for the week. Hot areas have been Haunts Creek, across from the Jones Beach Piers and the Meadowbrook bridge area.

We had great flounder fishing Saturday morning said George of **Nick's Marina**, particularly at the southwest end of Rowboat Alley where it meets Broad Creek. Some of the better anglers had 60 to 70 fish in the boat. This was on incoming tide with mussel and worm bait and a lot of chum. Merrick Point has been fair with smaller fish.

Swinging over to the Freeport Fleet, we learned from Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** that Thursday was tough on mackerel but Friday and Saturday working to the east customers had very good catches in the area of 100 fish a man. On Sunday, 16 fares dunked their lines three miles east of Cholera and were in solid. This dense school of mackerel was just 10 miles from the dock, mostly big Bostons 2-3 lbs. with an occasional spike.

Captain Richie's **Starstream II** which is hunting the mighty mackerel these days had a very good day Friday and Saturday they ran a little further for the fish catching then also. Sunday's fishing was 35 minutes south-southeast of Jones Inlet where big Bostons were encountered in great numbers. Cans and barrels and bags were filled with no problems. The fish have evidently moved in and the skipper says he's hoping for at least one more solid weekend of the macks.

We hear from the charter boat **Mickey II** that Saturday's flounder catch was quite decent with large fish being taken in Merrick, Haunts Creek and at the Jones Beach Piers. Twenty people had 175 flounder plus lots of throwbacks. Fish ran from 3/4 to 2

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lbs. on both tides and on all baits. The skipper is now booking fluke trips and has seen two fluke come up so far this week.

We hear from the **Blue Fin Fleet** of good flounder catches on both boats. Aboard the **BF III** Monday, Ken Raleigh had a 2+ pounder while Mark Kwalwasser was high hook with 16 flounder. On the **BF II** that day Larry Adams took the pool with a 2 plus pound fish while Mr. Santos was high hook with 14. This was a trip for the NYPD. Wednesday's largest fish was taken by Claude Kodet and runner up was Jerry Harris. They had fish up to 1½ lbs. Gil Rojas had 3 doubles. Friday aboard the **BF III** good mackerel fishing was had for the NYC Fire Department. High hook honors went to Vinnie Savarise. Aboard **BF II** a group of fifth graders had 40 flounders. Saturday's flounder and mackerel catches ranged from fair to very good. All the floundering has been in Reynolds and State Channels with a lot of chum tossed and worms most effective as hook bait.

The **Miss Freeport II** told of good flounder catches in Reynolds with fish being found mainly in the deeper areas now. High hooks for the week ran to 40 a man on better days. Many people have been catching 15 to 20 fish. Outgoing tide has been best.

Charter boat **Corsair** on Saturday fished New York Telephone Company led by Ron Jablonski. The group found mackerel southeast of Cholera and enjoyed a steady pick all day of approximately 175 fish ranging fromk spikes to big Bostons.

The **Capt. Andy Fleet** saw fair to good flounder fishing on both boats this week, weather permitting. The **CA II** is fishing full days and the **CA** is running two half-days trips daily. See ad for details.

We learned from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** that aboard the **CL III** Capt. Mike Gross had a slaughter. Artie Elliot of Bayside pulled up 74 keeper flounder, while Charlie Sammut and Al Ganki of Brooklyn gathered up 102 fish. Tuesday was another slaughter with 10 fares boating 300 flounder. On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. McNulty were pleased with their 72 flounder. A big catch was had Saturday as well with fish to 3 lbs. Sunday, Muriel Baglive supported by husband and son totalled 42 flatties, while Martin Mack hoisted 37 flounder, Tony Holick, 39 and Jesse and Madeline Barash were content with 64 fish. Fish averaged 3/4 to 1 lb. The **CL IV** fishing two half day trips daily also had a very good week. On Monday, 5-year old Mike Geller of Bloomfield, NJ had 23. Morning high hooks have been running 25-30 keepers and pools in the 2½ lbs. range. Mike says the flounder are on the move. Both tides have been producing with Reynolds Channel best.

Charter boat **Capt. Gary** on Saturday fished Tom Feeley and group from Queens UPS. They had a good trip. The pool went to Mike Fox with a

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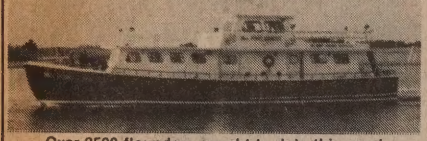

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Charter boat **Lady J III** had Lumber Headquarters, Floral Park out on Tuesday for good floundering on clam and worm, while Wednesday's trip for NYPD had fair floundering on worms in Swift Creek and Reynolds. Saturday's mackerel trip for Pershing Co. of NYC saw a good pick of macks south of Jones.

We hear from Ronnie at **Hudson Pt. Fishing Station** that flounder action this week had been good on the Middle Bay flats, Swift Creek and the mussel beds between the Meadowbrook bridge and CG station. Blackfish on green crabs a good item at all bridges and inshore wrecks. There have been some bass trolled in the bay. Don't forget June 18th is the date of the Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament. Call Hudson Point for info.

Dockmaster Bob at **Freeport Boatmens Association** passed the word there has been plenty of macks caught offshore with the **Super Spray II** has been loading up on all trips, as have the Association party boats. The fish have been hanging around just 12 miles from the inlet. These are 1 to 3 pounders. Good flounder catches have been made locally with most fish running 1 to 2 lbs.

In Baldwin, **Arthur Street Fishing Station** saw lots of flounder brought back Friday and Saturday in the 1½ to 2 lb. range, with the area off Boces in Middle Bay, Scow and Garretts Lead best. Worm bait and lots of chum have been the key.

Swinging to Point Lookout, we learn from Capt. Ron Murray of the **Miss Point Lookout** that catches were pretty good early in the week, fishing around the weather. High hooks have generally been in the upper teens. On Tuesday, Bill a regular took the pool with a 2 lber. Thursday's morning trip Stan Zimny walked off with the pool, while on the afternoon trip Earl French bagged 20, while regular Roseanne took the pool. On Friday's AM trip, Eric Olsen had the pool and 13 other fish. On Friday's PM trip, Earl French had 19 and the pool. On Saturday morning, Nick Leskov of Greenpoint took the pool with a 2 ½ lber. and on the PM triop Harris Freedman, Kirk and group had a good flounder trip with Harris bagging 30. On Sunday's AM trip Tony Marrone had 25 flatties and Barbara Patterson had the pool winner.

We learn from Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** that Wednesday and Thursday saw very good flounder catches made in the flats with things slowing a bit Friday and Saturday. Reynolds Channel has consistently been the best all through the weekend from buoys 16 to 18 along with Fundy Bay and Swift Creek. Mussels have been the top bait. A few pathfinder fluke have been taken just east of the station and blackfishng has been very good at the bridges. An 8 lb. black was taken at the Meadowbrook

Bridge on Friday on fiddlers by Far Rockaway angler Jacob Linten who has won himself an LIF Skillful Angling Award.

The word from Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook is that Ed Ezagui of Lynbrook on his boat Gi-Gi fishing Saturday in Reynolds Channel had 45 flounder from 1 to 2½ lbs. on mussel and worm, incoming tide. Excellent blackfishing at the bridges with a good number of fluke being taken opposite Ed's Fishing Station. One customer came back in Saturday with 14 keeper fluke. Flounder catches have been excellent for some, so-so for others.

Captain Clem of the **Commodore** ou out of Island Park tells us he's been having super floundering the last three weeks in Reynolds Channel with catches averaging 20 fish a man. The fish are still muddy and Clem predicts another hot week coming up. Catches have been best all around the top of the tide, with fish being mixed from 1/2 to 2 lbs. There are more throwbacks around presently also.

At **Long Beach Sports Marina** all rentals were sold out Saturday and Sunday, with average catches per skiff being 30 flounder. Best areas seem to be buoys 1, 3, 9 and off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. Sand worms and/or bloodworms plus mussel chum were the ticket. Blackfishing was good at the Atlantic Beach Bridge Saturday and Sunday as evidenced by Joe Beller taking a bucket of blacks to 3 lbs. on clam. A few sharpies have bucktailed 7 keeper fluke on the flats at Duck Point.

Sailing out of Atlantic Beach the charter boat **Kim** has found mackerel fishing fair for the week with some long trips necessary to assure a successful day. On Friday the boat had to run 40 miles to the south, but loaded up. Saturday the charter found a different body of smaller fish south of Cholera. Flounder fishing has remained good, Reynolds Channel being the hotspot.

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Over at **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in E. Rockaway we learn of the first catch of blueclaw crabs for a customer with 2 dozen of the critters taken at the Bay Park. Some weaks and bass have been taken in Jamaica Bay on sandworms off the radar pier and an occasional bass has been pulled in on a flounder rig. Flounder remain the major item with best areas Jamaica Bay, Hog and Reynolds Channels. Blackfish are at all the bridges on fiddlers and green crabs. A couple of fluke being picked here and there. Fifteen pollock were jigged up to 34 lbs. at the Texas Tower by a private boat. Macks are scattered around, but being caught. Weakfish have been seen in the back at Oak Beach.

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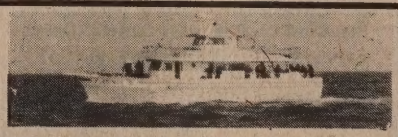

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least a 5 gal. bucket Thursday. Among them was Sam of Whitestone and Jimmy of Middle Village. Jamaica Bay and in particular Silver Hole are being worked with very few throwbacks and fishing averaging 1-2 lbs. and thick. The skipper emphasizes his bag is BAY fishing. No seasickness to worry about.

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle tells of Marty Savilla who fished the north channel bridge and had 18 flounder in 1½ hours. Fish were all in the 1 lb. range. He also had 2 big blueclaw crabs. Silver Hole has also produced good flounder and both bridges on both tides are working well. Blackfish have started on fiddlers at both bridges as well.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Capt. Walt of the **Flamingo III** tells of pretty good flounder catches with some days being excellent. Catches ran 15 to 35 flatties a man earlier in the week. Sunday things slowed a bit with catches averaging 6 to 15 fish a man. Sizes are mixed, but mostly on the large side. Walt says it's been very good year for large fish.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** agreed that when the weather was good, the fishing was good, which applied mostly to during the week. Things were very good off Cedars, fish averaging 1½ lbs. Some fares caught in the 30s, 40s and 50s, but you had to jockey around with the weather. Catches were best on the outside, some ling have been mixed in as were three small fluke this week.

Aboard the **Dorothy B VII** Capt. Kevin reported good flounder fishing 80 percent of the time at Sandy Hook, around the jetty and the Tin Can Grounds. Fish ran 3/4 to 1 lb. average and pools have been going 2½ lbs. Both tides have produced, with worm, clam and mussel all working.

Charlie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** advised that through Sunday, mackerel were still a three hour ride away for the big boats but that they caught once they reached them. The flounder action remains excellent off Cedars, in Jamaica Bay, Plum and Manhattan Beaches and Staten Island. Flatties have been running 1 to 1½ lbs.

Al Bonica and John Mannone with their catch of 60 flounder made at Duck Point on mussels and worms. Photo courtesy of Skippy's Bait & Tackle in East Rockaway.

average. Sea Bright has been the place this week for 2 to 4 lb. blackfish.

Across the VZ Bridge in Staten Island, Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** was happy to tell us flounder catches have been good to very good from the VZ bridge/Princess Bay, the storm sewers at South Bridge and Berger Ave., Great Kills Park Beach and Princess Bay Beach. A few bass have been caught on bait off the beach at Great Kills Park. These have been schoolies on sand worms on an incoming tide. On the ebb, Lenny advises that you work Cliff Street with Rebels, Kastmasters or Hopkins for schoolies. Blackfish are in the area, particularly the rocks at South Beach and the Berger Avenue storm sewers and the Arbutus Avenue collapsed piers. Try the Stapleton Piers 17 and 18 for a mixed bag of flounder, blackfish, eels and tommy cod. Three cocktails blues were caught in Great Kills Harbor early in the week.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Spotty mackerel action finally broke out on Long Island Sound, but peak attraction continues to be bottom action with flounder catches now augmented by tautog. Blackfishing to the west has been torried for a few days. Only one hook and line weakfish has been reported so far in the Peconics along with the first few porgies. Stiff southwest gales put the kibosh on small boat fishing over much of the area during four days last week, but party vessels had excellent innings.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** mentioned excellent blackfish action off Matinecock from Thursday onward when some boats were pulling more than 30 fish per tide. Bronx Louie took the biggest of the week, an 8 pound fish. To test the flounder last week, John Palmieri's **Jacqueline** sailed with Tony Bonelli and Dave Garnell aboard and pulled some 50 keepers all the way to "Quincy sized" 1¼ to 1½ pound fish.

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on City Island reported excellent angling for blackfish on either tide in shallow water on green crabs and clams with 20 or more fish per boat to 7 pounds.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** told us about huge numbers of tautog and tautog anglers off Pryble Pier. Full buckets resulted for many of the fishermen using sandworms, steamers, and green crabs. Watt weighed Rita Rerat's 8 pound fish, two at 9 pounds and Santo Goncalez's enormous fish, 11 pounds, 14 ounces gutted.

Among the open boats, Dom Cerbone's **Apache** remined committee to flounder and blackfish. Despite weekend winds, 15 to 25 flounder per fare were the norm with some 20 tautog per day for the boat. Cerbone has been working anywhere from 8-10' off the beaches to 20 or 25' of water. Pool blackfish run up to 8 pounds.

The **Klondike VIII** from **New Rochelle**, the **Ebb Tide III**, from **City Island** adn the **Lady Lill III**, from **Glen Cove** are all chasing mackerel now with the **North Star** from **City Island** about to switch over this week. Joe Ferrara of the Ebb Tide called to say that catches over 20 per fare were par and that some mackerel lovers were lugging away 50 fish. In strong winds Ferrara was literally trolling. The cooperative fish can be found from Smithtown Bay east according to Joe Fink of the Lady Lil with fish to the west not really taking yet.

Frank Ackley told usthat Vince Gentilli, his father, daughter and daughter-in-law, filled up on the **Tarpon**, with flatties off Oak Neck and Bayville on Saturday despite the afternoon winds.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** weighed a few flatties under 2 pounds and saw a lot of nice fish to 1 pound off Eatons and Asharoken. George said that early tautog on the flounder grounds ran up to 3 pounds and were usually taken on worms and clams. There were a few mackerel to be had off Sunken Meadow but no numbers in Cold Spring Harbor. What Cold Spring Harbor and Whitewood Point did have was jetty blackfish and a few short and small schoolie bass, according to the Cedars at **Huntington Prop**.

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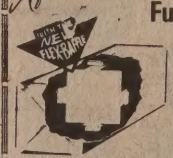

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Northport told of a pick of mackerel in the wind and loads of flounder with blackfish mixed in. Bass were small and sporadic off Makamah, Fort Salonga and the mouth of the Nissequogue.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station**, in **Port Jefferson** enjoyed a good start on tautog to 45 fish per boat. The west jetty outside the harbor gave up the biggest blackfish of the week. Some names of anglers who scored at **Sutler's** were given to us by Sal Gattuso. Jim Syvertsen had 15 flatties and 4 blacks to 5½ pounds, J. Smith had 3 blacks mixed with 15 flounder in 2½ hours, and Tony Santiago accounted for 42 macks, 17 flounder from ¾ to 1¼ pounds, and the oddest catch of the weeek, a stray 5½ pound bluefish.

Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** in **Mount Sinai** reported a burst of mackerel action off Buoy 11 for about 20 minutes on Saturday. Blackfish were everywhere from Shoreham to Miller Place and Cedar Beach while flounder were small but numerous in the harbors and larger off Buoy 11.

Packy Collins from the **Ever Ready** called to say that the pendulum was swinging on flounder action with fishing excellent through Friday (hi-hooks over30) but way off on Saturday with only 5-6 per fare. Sunday's haul East of Eatons and from Callahans to the Coast Guard Station improved. Chris Nolte had 5 tautog in his bag on Friday.

NORTH FORK

Blackfish on the Sound off the Northville Dock and close to the beach off Duck Pond Point and off the Firing Range were in the reports from Nick Cyprus at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** and from Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. Although Cyprus did weigh flatties all the way up to an incredible 4 pound, 2 ounce snowshoe offf the Pipe last week, most of the fish in the zone between Roanoke and Mattituck Inlet are smaller with 1¼ and 1½ pound fish the norm. Strong weekend winds dropped flatfish catches drastically with typical numbers around like the 20 keepers recorded by Ed and Micah Kaplan. Still a pair of Jersey sharpies working out of the Mattituck Station weighed flatties to 2½ pounds in one outstanding catch of 25 fish.

Jerry McGrath of the **Nostalgia II** called to detail the flounder action and suggested a pick in the high winds with 40 fish for the Park Avenue Boys, a group that included Charles Kielbasi.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** told us that flounder are getting smaller off Nassau Point, Rose's Grove, adn the South Race, but that some pods of mackerel spiced up the action in the South Race area late in the week. Bruce Mtichell

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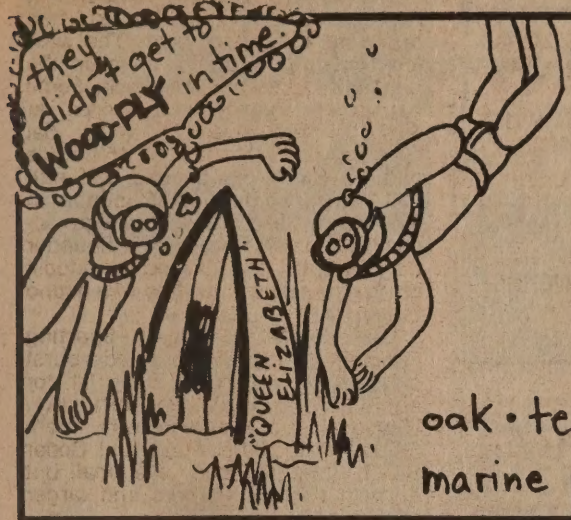

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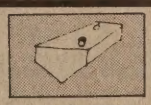

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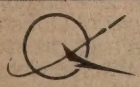

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Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that the best flounder fishing was down at Gardiner's with smaller fish now off Petty's Bight. Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** felt that Truman's would be worth watching too. The Bay fishing for flatties, said Cottral was still fantastic with a new batch of fish off Cedar Beach, South Ferry, Mashmack Point and from White Hill to the Greenport Ferry. A typical catch by the Rozansky's on the **Gyp-Sea** ran over 40 fish to 1½ poiunds in a few hours time, and one group fishing east of the Greenport breakwater loaded up on over 100.

George Porter's **Brand X**, typical of the local open boats, has been alternating between Gardiner's and the Sound for flatties and expects to stay with the flounder for a while. The **Blue Albatross** had some nice flounder on Saturday for Jackson Heights Anglers Joe Dinko, Jay Meghan and Frank Hartman, with Meghan's pool fish weighing 2½ pounds. Some of the biggest flounder in the Gardiner's run were reported by John Duggan of the **Peconic Star** on Friday. Rich McMahon hauled a 3 pound, 8 ounce snowshoe along with 27 other fish from areas between the Ruins and Tobaccolot. The Star was working 30-50' of water with mussels, worms, and clams, and 6-8 ounces of lead was the norm.

Larry Ciccato of the **Prime Time II** figured that people could still fill buckets with 1½ pound stuff off Petty's and was pleased to see a number of blackfish to 4 pounds on the flounder runs. Bob Sztorc with a charter at Gardiners late last week pulled 40 fish to 2½ pounds for Frank Stout aboard the **Caprice.**

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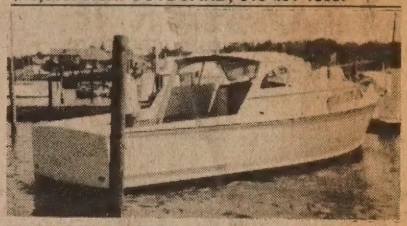

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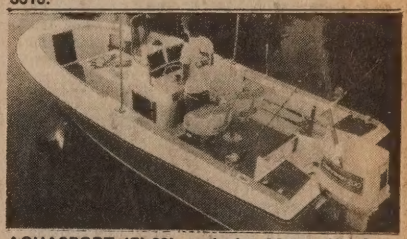

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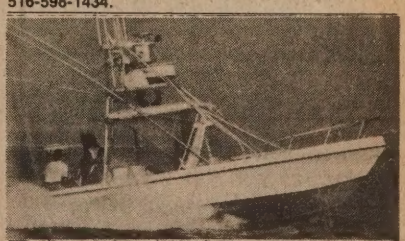

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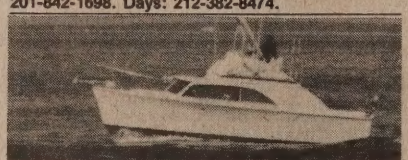

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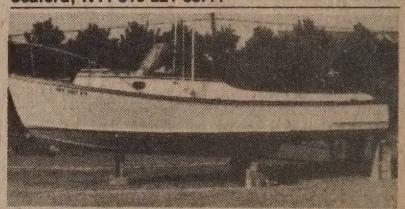

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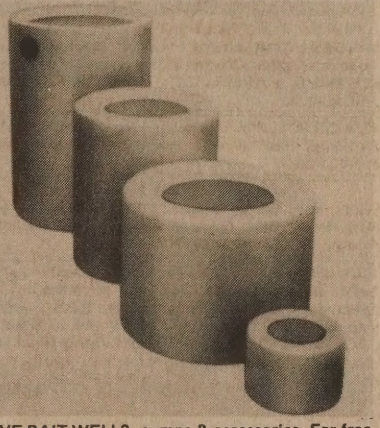

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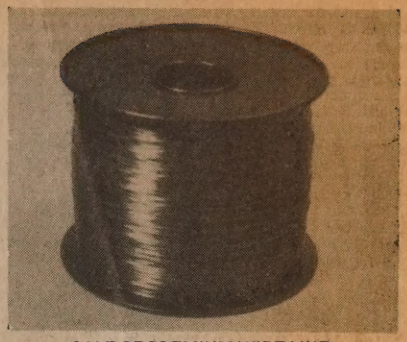

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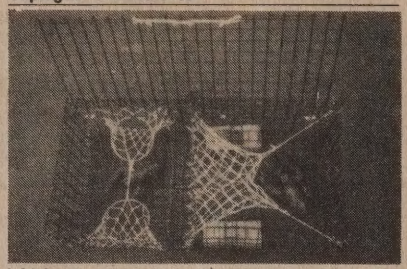

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	8:20	8:35	9:00	9:15	8:50	9:05	9:45	10:00	11:30	11:40	11:35	11:50	8:15	8:30	5/12
FRI.	9:00	9:15	9:45	10:00	9:30	9:45	10:30	10:40	—	12:15	—	12:25	9:00	9:20	5/13
SAT.	9:45	10:00	10:25	10:45	10:20	10:35	11:20	11:25	12:25	1:05	12:35	1:10	9:45	10:05	5/14
SUN.	10:40	10:50	11:15	11:35	11:15	11:25	—	12:05	1:15	1:55	1:25	2:00	10:35	10:55	5/15
MON.	11:35	11:50	—	12:10	—	12:15	12:20	1:05	2:05	2:45	2:15	2:55	11:30	11:50	5/16
TUES.	—	12:35	12:30	1:10	12:30	1:20	1:10	2:05	3:00	3:45	3:10	3:50	—	12:25	5/17
WED.	12:50	1:35	1:30	2:15	1:30	2:20	2:15	3:10	4:00	5:00	4:10	4:55	12:50	1:25	5/18
THURS.	1:50	2:40	2:35	3:25	2:30	3:20	3:25	4:15	5:15	6:30	5:15	6:00	1:55	2:30	5/19

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/12	5:43	8:10
FRI. 5/13	5:42	8:11
SAT. 5/14	5:41	8:12
SUN. 5/15	5:40	8:13
MON. 5/16	5:39	8:14
TUE. 5/17	5:38	8:15
WED. 5/18	5:37	8:16

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/12	5:48AM	8:02PM
FRI. 5/13	6:23AM	9:14PM
SAT. 5/14	7:05AM	10:25PM
SUN. 5/15	7:54AM	11:32PM
MON. 5/16	8:53AM	—
TUE. 5/17	10:00AM	12:31AM
WED. 5/18	11:12AM	1:20AM

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5/12	5/19	5/26	5/5

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	5:05	11:15	5:25	11:40
Fri.	5:55	12:10	6:20	—
Sat.	6:55	12:40	7:25	1:10
Sun.	8:00	1:50	8:30	2:15
Mon.	9:00	2:50	9:35	3:20
Tues.	10:05	3:55	10:40	4:25
Wed.	11:10	5:00	11:45	5:30
Thurs.	—	6:00	12:10	6:30

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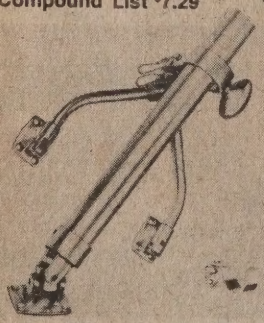

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